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# ERIE COUNTY

## PENNSYLVANIA

A NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF ITS HISTORICAL PROGRESS, ITS PEOPLE, AND ITS PRINCIPAL INTERESTS

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Frederick Previllier

Frederick Brevillier. Nearly a half century ago Frederick Brevillier became one of the two interested principals in what eventually became one of the leading wholesale grocery houses of Northern Pennsylvania and until within very recent years he continued to be identified with this line of enterprise in the city of Erie, where he remains to-day a representative citizen and one whose course has been such as to command for him the confidence and high esteem of the community which has been his home during the major portion of his life. His capitalistic investments are of important and varied order, and as a man he is essentially broad-minded, liberal and public-spirited. Self-aggrandizement has not hedged him in, and his name is known in the realm of practical philanthropy and judicious benevolence. His influence has definitely permeated the civic and business life of the city of Erie, and it is most consonant that he be accorded recognition as a publican of this province.

Frederick Brevillier was born in Sonnenberg, Sachsen-Meiningen, Germany, on the 29th of August, 1838, and is a son of Alexander and Christiane (Koch) Brevillier. The agnatic lineage is traced back to stanch French-Huguenot origin, and the founders of the family in Germany were refugees who fled from France to escape the persecutions incident to the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685. Like many others of the same patrician French lineage, they found hospice in Germany and located in the city of Frankfort-on-Main, where they became identified with extensive business and banking enterprises. The mother of Frederick Brevillier was of German descent. In 1840, when he was about two years of age, his parents removed from his native place to Hildburghausen, Thuringia, and there he received his rudimentary education in a private school, after which he entered the local gymnasium, a collegiate preparatory institution comparing with the American high school. He there continued his studies until the spring of 1852, when he entered a polytechnical school in the city of Nuernberg, Bavaria, where he remained a student until the spring of 1854, when he withdrew to accompany his parents on their removal to the city of Erie, Pennsylvania, where his elder brother, Gustave F., had taken up his residence several years previously. The family arrived in Erie June 10, 1854, and this city has represented their home during the long intervening years. Here the honored father died on the 20th of July, 1860, and the cherished and devoted wife and mother was summoned to eternal rest on the 16th of February, 1876.

During the year 1855 Frederick Brevillier was a student in the Erie Academy, and in the spring of the following year he became an employe in a large importing house in New York City, where he remained until the latter part of 1857. He then entered the Bryant & Stratton Business College in the city of Cleveland, where he completed a three months' course, after which he accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Croton Glass Works, at New Castle, Pennsylvania. Later on, in compliance with the wishes of his venerable parents, he returned to Erie, where he entered the employ of J. V. Boyer, who conducted a hardware establishment on upper State street. In January, 1861, he became bookkeeper in the wholesale grocery establishment of J. Johnston

& Brother, and on the 23rd of February, 1864, he was admitted to the firm as a copartner with Joseph and Orville Johnston, under the firm name of Johnston & Brevillier. Under this title the business was continued for nearly two score of years, and during all this time the reputation of the firm was impregnable, while it advanced to the rank of one of the leading commercial concerns of this section of the state. Based upon honorable dealings and most effective service, the business of the house reached extensive proportions and covered a large territory. On the 12th of March, 1901, Joseph Johnston retired from the firm, owing to advanced age and the desire to be free from the exactions of active business. Mr. Brevillier purchased his honored partner's interest in the business, which he thereafter continued under his own name until April 1, 1906, when, after forty-five years of arduous and effective work in the wholesale grocery trade, he too felt it expedient to retire, and the business was closed out.

A man of fine intellectuality and broad mental ken, it is but natural that Mr. Brevillier should have taken at all times a lively interest in public affairs, especially those of a public order. He has been repeatedly honored with positions of public trust, and no citizen has maintained a more secure hold upon popular confidence and esteem in Erie than has this veteran business man and sterling citizen. He is one of the charter members of the Erie Board of Trade, which was organized in 1874, and for many years he was a member of its directorate; he was president of the organization for the fiscal year 1902-3. As a member of the board of corporators of St. Vincent's Hospital, he has served several years on its board of directors, and he is also connected with the board of corporators of Hamot Hospital, and that of the Erie cemetery. In the latter he has served as a member of the board of directors since May, 1905. He was for seven years a valued member of the Erie board of education, and was president of the East ward school board at the time when, in June, 1870, the East and West ward school board were consolidated, under the title of the Erie school district. In February, 1901, Mr. Brevillier was elected a member of the board of trustees of the Erie public library, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Jarecki, and in the following December he was elected for the regular term of three years, at which expiration he was chosen as his own successor, retiring at the expiration of his third term, December 31, 1907.

In politics Mr. Brevillier gives his allegiance to the Republican party. He became a charter member of the Erie Liedertafel, organized in September, 1862, and served as its president for two terms. He has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity since October 20, 1868, when he became an entered apprentice in Perry Lodge, No. 392, Free & Accepted Masons, with which he is still identified. In the Scottish Rite he is affiliated with Presq'isle Lodge of Perfection, and the Pittsburg Consistory, besides which he is enrolled as a member of the adjunct organization, Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Since his retirement from the wholesale grocery trade Mr. Brevillier has kept constantly in active touch with the business affairs of his home city, where he has various capitalistic investments, including stock in manufacturing concerns. He has devoted much of his time and attention to the various civic and public offices of which he has been incumbent since his retirement from active business.

On the 6th of October, 1864, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Brevillier to Miss Charlotte M. Walther, daughter of the late Jacob Walther, of Erie, and of this union have been born four sons, all of whom are actively identified with business interests in Erie. Frederick A., who married Miss Katharina E. Conrad is secretary of the Erie Brewing Company; Charles G. is one of the representative members of the bar of his native county and is engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of Erie; Arthur W., who married Miss Eda W. Conrad, is secretary and treasurer of the Morse Iron Works; and Edwin H. is identified with the Union Iron Works.

In studying a clean-cut, sane, distinct character like that of Frederick Brevillier interpretation follows fact in a straight line of derivation. His character is the positive expression of a strong nature, and he has made his life count for good in all its relations. In his home city he is veritably surrounded by "troops of friends" and by other gracious influences which make for the gaining and holding of the "durable satisfactions" of life.

Edwin Walker, president of the Erie Specialty Company, is one of the best known citizens of the city. He is a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and descended from hardy pioneers of the Keystone State, his ancestors occupied a prominent place in the development of Northeastern Pennsylvania also having been noted woodsmen and Indian fighters in the early days of the commonwealth. His great-great-grandfather, as well as several other members of the Walker family, met death at the hands of Indians, some of them in the historic Wyoming Massacre. His great-grandfather was last seen when starting out on a hunting trip from which he never returned; he was supposed to have been killed by Indians or lost in the wilderness as his fate was never known. He left but two sons at his death, one of whom drifted into the wilds of Canada and was never heard of thereafter by his family; the other, William Walker, became a rugged pioneer, passing through many hardships and exciting experiences. He was a fine specimen of manhood, nearly six feet in height and proportioned accordingly. His wife, Amanda Granger, was a descendant of the family whose members have figured in the history of the country since 1640, at which time Launcelot Granger, the progenitor of this family in America, came to Massachusetts from England. Since this time, men of the name have figured in every war from King Philip's to the present time, and in times of peace have shown their ability in all the walks of life, in the professions, politics and commercial affairs.

At the time Launcelot Granger returned to England to secure his share of his father's estate, he met an adventure that might well have resulted disastrously to one of a less brave and intrepid nature. After securing his patrimony, which he secreted about his person, he proceeded toward the nearest seaport, intending to embark immediately for America; as night overtook him, he thought it advisable to repair to an inn, but when he reached one he was able to see at once that it was of an unsavory character, so he felt safer in continuing his journey, although the landlord of the inn urged him to rest there for the night, warning him of danger from highwaymen. He had not proceeded far on his way when he saw in the moonlight two masked figures by the roadside, who peremptorily halted him and demanded his money or his life; though armed only with a loaded cane, while the highwaymen had

broadswords, he offered to fight them singly, and after a short parley they agreed to this; one, stepped forth, his broadsword to be used against the loaded cane. Launcelot Granger was an expert with the broadsword, and was of such alertness as soon to send his adversary to earth with a blow on the head that made him drop in his tracks and never stir again. Upon this unexpected outcome of the encounter, the other miscreant took to his heels, and Launcelot pushed on to the next village and informed the authorities of what had taken place. When the mask was lifted from the face of the dead highwayman, it was discovered that he was a man of considerable prominence in the village, supposed to be a respectable citizen. Upon his return to America, Launcelot Granger settled on what is known as Kent's Island, near Newburyport, Massachusetts, and there built a house which stood until 1884, and his descendant above named, Edwin Walker, now has in his possession some of the bricks which were used in building the fireplace, and which were brought from England.

Though not a Puritan himself, Launcelot Granger lived among these people, and the high regard in which he was held by his neighbors, as well as his personal worth and uprightness of character are shown by the fact that for his wife he won the daughter of a Puritan, whose first American ancestor was Deacon Hanchett, who settled in Boston, in 1634. When the Connecticut Valley was opening up, Launcelot Granger decided to locate there, so started to make the journey with an ox team and took one cow along, to what was then considered the far west, then full of hostile Indians. King Philip's war, a few years later, made it necessary for the women and children around Suffield, Connecticut, where the Granger family settled, to take refuge at Westfield, Massachusetts, while the men took up arms against the Indians. Launcelot Granger, who commanded a company, was wounded in one of the encounters. When peace was restored, the family again took up their residence at Suffield, and a house was built there which is standing to the present day. From Launcelot Granger have descended families who settled in all parts of New England, and later in the region west and south. Amanda Granger, grandmother of Edwin Walker, came with her parents to central New York, when young.

The father of Edwin Walker, George Walker, a native of Owego, New York, and reared in Pennsylvania, was a man of very large stature and great strength, as well as superior mental attainments. He was a well read man and an earnest student of the Bible, with which he was thoroughly familiar; he was also a deep thinker along other lines, and kept himself well-informed on all the leading questions of the day. Though in early life he was imbued with the idea that there was no hereafter, he later became a convert to the spiritualistic faith, of which he became a strong exponent, and into the realms of which he made deep research. Until the date of his marriage he resided in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, but afterwards removed to Southeastern Michigan, making the journey thereto by way of the Erie Canal, thence by boat to Detroit, and from that city to the interior of the state by means of the old fashioned "prairie schooner." The climate of Michigan, however, was not agreeable to him, and many in the locality suffered from the prevailing chills and fever, which also claimed Mr. Walker for a victim, so he returned to Pennsylvania, settling at Towanda.

George Walker was an expert mechanical engineer, bridge-builder and millwright; in 1851 he planned and built the bridge across the Susquehanna River at Towanda, which is standing at the present time, and he built many other bridges in that section of Pennsylvania, as well as in Western New York. In 1856 Mr. Walker removed to Hamburg, Erie county, New York, and at that location and throughout the surrounding country built large flouring mills, mostly run by water. He foresaw the early necessity in utilizing the natural resources of the county's water powers, so made an extensive research and study with a view to obtaining the greatest amount of power from the fall of water which resulted in his discovery of the action of water and formulas for determining the lines of turbine water-wheels to obtain the highest percentage of power from the water, this was his greatest work and to this date there is no evidence that any one else has discovered the same since. His discovery was put into practical and successful use in building turbines, but owing to his death was never made general use of. His plans and formulas are extant but not in operation at present. Now that water powers are proving so valuable owing to electric power being so extensively used, it is the intention of his sons to put his valuable discoveries into general use, thereby saving the great waste of power under present conditions. His wife, Mary McMicken, was the daughter of William and Mary (Bathrick) McMicken. Her great-grandfather McMicken was a scout in the Revolutionary war and was killed by the Indians while making observations from the top of a stump. His first wife died on the ocean when on the way to this country. The McMicken family were of Scotch descent, and early settlers in Eastern Pennsylvania; the American ancestor first settled in Connecticut. Mary Cleveland Bathrick, mother of Mrs. McMicken, was first cousin to Moses Cleveland, founder of Cleveland, Ohio. George Walker died in 1889, at Hamburg, from lagrippe, and his widow died about four weeks later. Here their only daughter, Miss Eliza I. Walker, and remaining son, Mr. Frank Walker, sister and brother of Edwin Walker of this sketch, now reside.

Edwin Walker was born at Sheshequin, Pennsylvania. He spent his boyhood at Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and at Hamburg and Springville, New York; his parents removed to the last-named place about 1858, in order to secure for their children better educational advantages, the town affording an academy, which is now known as Griffith Institute. After spending ten years at this place, during which time Edwin finished his education, they returned to Hamburg. As a boy he evinced a genius for mechanics and invention, and when a young man constructed a bicycle, with the assistance of his father, using as guide designs and descriptions published in the "Scientific American," which was the first bicycle ever seen by him, and which he became an adept at riding, winning many hotly contested races on this wheel. He also constructed a mud-guard for his machine, which was of his own invention, and same as the guard with which all modern bicycles are fitted.

Mr. Walker left home at the age of twenty-one years, his first employment being at Silver Creek, near Dunkirk, New York, for a concern manufacturing flour-milling machinery; in a short time he became superintendent of another plant in the town in the same line of manufacture, and remained with them until 1880, when he removed to Erie. In Erie he entered the employ of Sterns Manufacturing Com-

pany, as draughtsman and pattern-maker, and later became employed in a similar capacity by Taper Sleeve Pulley Company, and later by Skinner & Wood Engine Company. His first independent business venture, in 1883, was in the manufacture of tools under the firm name of the E. Walker Tool Company, his plant being on Eighteenth street, in the plant of the Noble Sewing Machine Company, and later he bought a plant on West Fourth street, near State, which is now used by the Erie Lithographing Company. At this time E. Walker Tool Company was reorganized and incorporated as a stock company, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars, and in 1888 Mr. Walker severed his connection with the company, shortly after which he organized what is now the Erie Specialty Company, on an upper floor of what was then Reifle Pump Works plant, on West Twelfth street; the business was a partnership affair, consisting of Benjamin B. Brown, present collector of the port of Erie, T. A. Thomas, and Mr. Walker, as equal partners. Three years later Mr. Walker bought out the interests of his partners, and took as partner Z. T. Brindley, at the same time changing the name of the firm, which was Erie Specialty Manufacturing Company, to Erie Specialty Company. In 1902 the business was incorporated, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and Mr. Walker's son, Clarence L. Walker, became the third stockholder and an officer of the company. October, 13, 1908, Mr. Walker purchased the holdings of stock belonging to Mr. Brindley, and since this time all the stock has been held by him and his immediate family.

Mr. Walker has natural gifts in the lines of inventor, mechanic, manufacturer and salesman, in combination with great executive ability and business acumen. He has a thorough knowledge of all details of his business, and is equally efficient in the office, the factory or on the road as salesman, a combination rarely found in one individual. The large enterprise over which he presides has been completely under his control from the beginning, and its policies shaped and executed by him. He has taken out some fifty or more patents, all his own inventions, covering articles and appliances which are leaders in their lines, and find a ready market not only in all parts of the United States, but in foreign countries as well. They are in the lines of sundries for hotels and kitchens, hardware articles, soda water specialties, and metal advertising contrivances, all of which are manufactured at the Erie plant on West Twelfth street. The company occupies a three-story brick building, covering three hundred sixty-five square feet, modern in construction, and containing special automatic machinery, all designed and constructed by Mr. Walker and his son. The Erie Specialty Company is very successful as a business enterprise, and ranks among Erie's leading industries, while its guiding and controlling spirit, Edwin Walker, has long been accorded a place among the city's most enterprising and progressive manufacturers. Besides managing the affairs of the factory, Mr. Walker gives his personal attention to the sale of their products, spending considerable time in visiting the large trade centers of the country, in search of trade. Though busy in the interest of his business ventures, Mr. Walker finds time to spend in the interest of his fellow-citizens, and the progress and development of the city and its institutions, and is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade.

In physical characteristics Mr. Walker inherits the fine frame and figure of the Walker family, but has inherited to a remarkable degree

the features of the Granger family. So strong is his resemblance to them, in fact, that when he paid a visit to the old Granger home at Suffield, Connecticut, on being introduced to a man who had ten generations before branched from the Granger family, the two men bore such a striking likeness to each other as to be immediately noticed, and frequently commented on. Before Mr. Walker's identity was known in the town, several old inhabitants recognized in him a descendant of the Granger family.

Edwin Walker married, in 1871, Edith May Wight, born at Sheridan, New York, and reared from early childhood at Silver Creek, same state. Her father, Amos Wight, who died at Fredonia, New York, at the age of seventy-six years, was a man of unusual gifts, being author, poet, artist and newspaper man. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker are: Clarence L., of whom further mention is made; Jessie, who married Miles Sterrit, of Erie; Mary G., married Albert Steiner, of Erie; Edith May died at the age of four years; Bertha E., living at home; and Irene, who resides with her parents.

Clarence L. Walker, treasurer and superintendent of the Erie Specialty Company, is one of Erie's well-known young manufacturers. He was born at Silver Creek, New York, November 15, 1871, and educated in the common schools and commercial college. Since completing his education he has been identified with the business interests of his father who finds in him an able assistant in the conduct of his affairs. He also is a member of the board of trade. Mr. Walker married Alice, daughter of John and Anna (Webber) Strucken, both natives of Germany. The father was born in 1831 and the mother, who was born in 1830, died in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Walker became parents of one son, Clarence Edwin, July 4, 1906.

Winter J. Olds. "Jesse" Olds, the proprietor of the Union City Greenhouse, represents a family well-known in Erie county. The Olds family is of English origin, but was established in the colonies as early as 1669, the founder of the American line being Dr. Robert Old (also written Ould), who, according to colonial records, resided in Windsor and Suffield, Connecticut, from 1669 to 1728, and whose third son, Mindwell Old, was the first white child born in Suffield. Robert Old was the father of fourteen children, thirteen of whom were sons, and at least ten of these sons grew to manhood. There was little of "race suicide" among the early Olds families as the official records of the state of Massachusetts contain the names of more than twenty members of this family who bore honorable part in the early Indian and French wars, and of more than fifty of this name who served in the Revolutionary war. The direct ancestor of the Erie county Olds families was Captain William Old, the sixth son of Robert Old, who lived in Brookfield, Massachusetts, where he was the first to organize and establish the public school system in that town, and the first public school was held in his home. Captain William Old took active part in the famous Cape Breton expedition in Queen Anne's war 1746-1747. The siege and capture of Louisburg, by this expedition was reckoned one of the most notable military events in history.

The fourth son of Captain William Old was Ezekiel, who is on record as having been a sergeant in the French and Indian war in 1751, and a captain of Massachusetts troops at the siege of Boston and the

battle of Bunker Hill. He was also a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, dying in the service in 1777.

The sixth son of Captain Ezekiel Old was Phinehas, who settled about 1795 in Williamstown, Vermont, where he became eminent as one of the leading agriculturists of that part of the state. He was the father of thirteen children, seven of whom were sons, and four of these sons settled in Erie county. The eldest of these sons was Joel Olds, who came with a company from Vermont in the early spring of 1813. This Company were intending to go on to Ohio and settle in the "Western Reserve," but having camped overnight at a little settlement then or later known as Federal Hill (now within the city limits) a sudden thaw set in and the company having come on sleds or sledges found themselves unable to proceed on the bare ground and were constrained to settle in that immediate neighborhood—thus many good citizens were saved to the state of Pennsylvania who except for "hard sledding" would have gone further west. Joel Olds settled about two miles south of the city near the old French Military road. He was followed some two or three years later by the next younger brother, Asa Gilbert Olds, who settled on the Lake Pleasant road just where the P. & E. R. R. now crosses that highway. He became the father of the late L. W. Olds, for many years one of the leading residents of Erie City, Nelson Olds, late of Greene township, and Erskine Olds, late of the old homestead in Mill Creek township. A few years later came another brother, Elisha Olds, who settled on the next farm east while still later, in 1835, came Lewis, seventh and last son of Phinehas Olds. Lewis was born in Williamstown, Vermont, March 14, 1814, and located in Conneautville, where in 1840 he was married to Eunice V. Scovel, whose ancestry also dates back to the Revolutionary period and whose maternal grandfather was Col. John Titus, a member of Washington's staff, who by special act of Congress was granted a pension for gallant service. The children born of this union were Mary E., born April 7, 1850; Independence L., born July 4, 1852, at Conneautville; and Winter Jesse, born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, January 22, 1860.

Winter J. Olds followed clerking during the first year of his business life, and coming to Union City in 1873 he has since made his home here. He is the present proprietor of the Union City Greenhouse, one of the leading establishments of its kind in Erie county. He is well versed in the germination and cultivation of flowers of every kind native to or grown in this climate, but he has made a specialty of the growing of chrysanthemums. His greenhouse contains ten thousand square feet of glass, and he receives orders from all parts of the United States, his trade extending as far as Oregon, Texas and Nova Scotia, and this extensive business has grown from his small gardening plant of 1882.

On the 22d of January, 1889, Mr. Olds was married to Miss Evangeline Van Meurs, and they have had four children: Lewis W., born November 18, 1889; Mary E., deceased, was born September 4, 1892; Hugh W. was born April 13, 1895; and John Alfred was born June 27, 1904. Mr. Olds votes with the Prohibition party, is one of the pioneers of that party organization in Erie county, and has served as secretary of the Prohibition county committee and is one of its strongest men and most efficient workers in the county. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. Since 1884 his religious home has been with the Presbyterian church.

FRANKLIN FARRAR ADAMS. Now a retired and deeply honored citizen of Erie, Franklin F. Adams was for half a century a leader not only in its business and industrial development, but in its municipal and civic progress. A pioneer in many things; ultimately successful in all his undertakings; a careful, practical calculator, and yet a broad operator in all the affairs of his life—Mr. Adams is a typical New Englander, transplanted in his youth to the more stirring life of Pennsylvania, where his substantial and adaptable nature has developed into a type of manhood fully representative of the state and his home community. Ex-mayor of Erie, ex-president of its board of trade, for years at the head of some of its largest business and industrial enterprises—no man is more representative of past progress, present aspiration, and future advancement all along the line.

Mr. Adams was born at Amherst, New Hampshire, on August 6, 1830, son of Levi and Lucy (Farrar) Adams, natives respectively of the Granite and the Green Mountain states. In early life his father was a merchant, subsequently keeping a hotel at Ipswich, New Hampshire, and farming near that town, his death occurring on his homestead in the latter locality in 1834. Following the death of her husband, when Frank F. was but four years of age, the widow went to make her home with her father in Vermont. At the age of nine years the boy was apprenticed to a farmer to remain until he reached his twenty-first year, at the end of which service he was to receive one hundred dollars in money and a yoke of oxen. But his new home was not congenial to young Adams and at the end of a year his mother took him away. When he was twelve years of age the boy came to Pennsylvania and spent a year with his uncles, F. F., and A. J. Farrar, merchants at Waterford, this county. He then joined his uncle, Wheeler Farrar, of Boston, and, until 1848, resided on Mr. Farrar's farm at Lexington, Massachusetts. Then (in his eighteenth year) he left the Lexington farm and returned to Waterford, soon afterward buying the right for Pennsylvania for the manufacture and sale of a patent washing machine. This was the commencement of a long and remarkably successful career in this field. Mr. Adams began the manufacture of the washing machines at Waterford on a very small scale, first selling the finished product to the citizens of the village and surrounding country. A year later he sold his patent rights for $2,000, with which he went to Winchendon, Massachusetts, where he purchased a machine for the manufacture of clothespins. This he brought to Waterford and installed it at Middleton dam, on French creek, at which point was located the Hayes chair factory, and to which concern he sold his business a year later. He next began the manufacture of cheese boxes in Waterford. In equipping this factory he went to the state of Maine and purchasing a steam engine of a Kennebec river mill owner shipped it to Waterford. But the engine was delayed in transit and was finally frozen in the ice of the Erie canal. Impatient to get his box factory in operation, Mr. Adams determined not to waste the winter, and so came to Erie and had the old firm of Senet and Barr make him an engine. Discovering, also, on the docks, a boiler that had been taken out of the steamer "Missouri," he purchased it and shipped it to Waterford. Within thirty days his engine was complete, but he put in the balance of that winter in sawing lumber. In the spring, however, he began the making of cheese boxes and so continued for two years, when he sold his factory to H. H.

Whitney. The Maine engine finally arrived, but he sold it to Walter Little, of Erie.

After disposing of his cheese box factory, as a member of the firm of Phelps and Adams, Mr. Adams engaged in general merchandising at Waterford, but after an experience of about two years in this line sold his interest in the business. At about this time he was seized with the prevailing "Colorado gold fever," but his attack proved so light that it passed away in the establishment of a general store at Waterford which he called "Pike's Peak Store." This he conducted for about two years, when he sold it to a Mr. Oliver. In 1860 Mr. Adams came to Erie and took a clerical position in the wholesale grocery store of Johnson Bros., receiving a salary of $1,200 a year. He induced the firm to handle flour, put some of his own money into the venture, and received half the profits made on the sale of that commodity. A year later he left the firm and, with Casimer Seigel, engaged for about three months in the flour and feed business, when Mr. Adams bought the bakery of Dodd Goodrich, on the corner of Fifth and Sassafras streets, at the same time opening and operating a "variety" store on State, near Fifth street. Knowing nothing about baking Mr. Adams went to Buffalo in quest of a practical baker, and in that city met William S. Sands, then about eighteen years old, whom he brought back to Erie in that capacity. Their division of labor was as follows: young Sands would go to work at three o'clock in the morning baking rolls which Mr. Adams would load, hot and crispy, into the two-wheeled cart he had bought in Buffalo, and, ringing a large bell, would peddle his goods over the city in time for breakfast. That was the first time the people of Erie were supplied with hot rolls for breakfast from an outside source, and, so far as history goes, the last time. In his variety store, Mr. Adams established the first ice cream parlor in Erie, and also the first depot for the sale of fresh oysters in cans. He also manufactured candy in large quantities and put men and wagons on the road to sell his goods all over northern Pennsylvania. After becoming firmly established in this business his plant was destroyed by fire with considerable loss, but he removed across the street to the southeast corner of Fifth and State streets and continued there for about two years, when he sold out to Benar and Burgess.

In the course of a year, however, he opened another store on North Park Row, where he remained for about two years, and next removed to State street near Eighth. There he established another bakery in connection with his variety store, also continuing the ice cream parlor. While at that location a man came to Erie with a patent driven well, the rights of which he tried to sell Mr. Adams. Of course it was a new thing and Mr. Adams was skeptical, naturally remaining unconvinced when the experiment made in the rear of the store was a failure. Mr. Adams, therefore, refused to purchase and the man departed to Corry, this county, in his search for a purchaser, leaving the pipe in the ground where it had been sunk. Then Mr. Adams investigated and experimented himself, and for a change drove the pipe into the gravelly soil in front of the store with the result that it brought water. When the man returned to Corry still anxious to sell the rights in Erie county at any cost, Mr. Adams secured them for about one hundred dollars "taken out in trade." After several demonstrations in different parts of the county the purchaser began selling township rights, and in about a month's time cleared about $3,500 on the well. Later, Mr. Adams

removed his store to the old Noble (now Penn) block, Eighth and State streets, and there continued for two years, when he sold his business to George Barr.

In the meantime Mr. Adams had conceived the idea of engaging in the manufacture of patented articles, and finally made arrangements with the late M. N. Lovell and a Mr. Walker as partners to carry out his plans. They erected a brick factory one door south of the corner of Eleventh and State streets, installed the necessary machinery and began the manufacture of washing machines, step and extension ladders, etc. After the plant was in full operation, Mr. Adams entered into a contract with A. H. Franciscus, a wealthy carpet merchant of Philadelphia, whereby that gentleman was to be furnished with one hundred and fifty thousand washing machines to be delivered at the rate of one hundred per day, Mr. Franciscus to have the sole right of sale for the United States. At the appointed time shipment of the machines began as agreed upon and continued until Mr. Franciscus, failing to dispose of them by sale as rapidly as anticipated, countermanded the order. Mr. Adams called on him, made a reduction in the price of the machines, and the deal continued, but not for long, as finally the contract was rescinded by the payment of $5,000 to Mr. Adams and his partners. The machines thus being left on his hands, Mr. Adams began a selling campaign throughout the county by disposing of sale rights in different localities; and so successful was he in this venture that the machines brought greater returns than if the contract with the Philadelphia merchant had been carried out.

Mr. Adams' next move was to build the F. F. Adams factory on Cherry street, near Fourteenth, where the manufacture of the different articles was continued. In the meantime both Mr. Walker and Mr. Lovell had withdrawn from the business; but on the completion of the new factory Mr. Lovell returned and Messrs. T. W. and C. W. Farrar were received as partners. Sometime later Mr. Lovell again withdrew and was succeeded by Mr. Adams' son, Charles F. The business flourished, became highly successful and remunerative to all interested. In 1880 the factory, after having been enlarged by the addition of another story, was destroyed by fire, at a loss of upwards of $80,000, covered by insurance, however. The company began at once to rebuild and until the completion of the new plant small factories were rented, in different parts of the city, and manufacturing operations were scarcely interrupted. The enterprise met with strong competition from large concerns all over the country; suit was brought by rivals for infringement and much expensive litigation ensued; but Mr. Adams and his partners met the opposition at all points and continued a successful business. In 1888 was formed the American Wringer Company to which the F. F. Adams Company sold its business for $330,000, its founder at that time owning a three-fifth's interest. The Erie plant was then closed, and Mr. Adams retired from active business. In 1886, Mr. Adams purchased the Hoskinson farm of one hundred acres, just east of the city on the Lake road, and there he spends his summers. It may be added that he recently sold fifty acres of this tract to the General Electric Company for its projected plant, for which he received one thousand dollars an acre.

Mr. Adams always took an active and prominent part in public affairs, and in 1885 was elected mayor of the city, but ill health made it necessary for him to resign after he had served about a year and a

half of his term. He has also served as president of the board of trade, of which he is yet a member; is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and for fifteen years was president of the Humane society. He is a Mason of high degree. Reared from boyhood as a Universalist, Mr. Adams has long been very active in the local church at Erie. In 1854 Mr. Adams married Martha A., daughter of William Lowell. His wife was born in Jamestown, New York, in 1836, and died at Erie in 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams the following children were born; Charles F., Jennie F. and Frankie, the two last named being deceased.

As already stated, the status which Mr. Adams holds at Erie is that of a representative citizen, but the fact should be emphasized that he stands for its best type not for his strength and ruggedness of character alone. He has struggled manfully against great material obstacles and forged on to success, but he has not thereby become proud, hard and autocratic. He is a man of too much breadth and depth for that. On the contrary the struggles along the hard road have mellowed him and made him kind and charitable toward his toiling, stumbling fellows, and this combination it is, more than all else, which has given him the enviable standing he now enjoys.

Erastus B. Lipton, retired, is one of the well known citizens of Erie and for years was esteemed one of the most expert accountants of this section of the state. A native of Pennsylvania, born at Milesburg, Center county, on September 29, 1832, he is a son of Samuel Lipton, also a native of that county, born in 1801. The grandfather, Robert Lipton, was a native of Ireland who came to Center county in the seventeenth century. He was a farmer and was also interested in iron works, in connection with the Curtins (father of Governor Curtin) owning a number of furnaces. As a young man, Samuel learned the trade of shoemaking which he followed for a number of years, and subsequently engaged both in mercantile and lumbering pursuits. The latter business was mainly conducted on the Susquehanna river, in Center and Clearfield counties in connection with Governor Bigler. Grandfather Lipton married Anna Maria Hoover, a native of Center county born in 1802, daughter of Jacob Hoover, also born in that county, of German ancestry. Samuel Lipton died March 20, 1850, and his widow passed away March 2, 1877, mother of the following: Robert, deceased; James H., who resides in Kansas; Nancy Jane, who married William McMean and resides in Center county, Pennsylvania; Theodore, deceased; E. B., of this sketch; John H., Anna Eliza, Samuel and David A. P., all deceased; Edwin, who resides in Oregon, and Mary Clara, also dead.

Mr. Lipton, of this biography, was reared in Center county and received his education in its common schools, and at Allegheny College. As a lad, he clerked in his father's store, his collegiate course being pursued after the death of the senior Mr. Lipton. In 1852, when twenty years of age, Erastus went out to California, spending about eighteen months in Sonoma and Napa counties. Returning to Center county he became successively associated with an uncle and two brothers (Robert and James) in the lumber business. In 1856 he located in the northern part of Iowa, where he remained until 1862 returning then to Center county and for two years being a clerk in the office of prothonotary, then held by his uncle, at Bellefonte. In 1864 he came to Erie, at the invitation of J. Johnston, taking charge of his books and remaining with the house after it became Johnston and Brevillier. Later he acted as

bookkeeper for Clemens, Caughey and Burgess, grocers, and subsequently for W. L. Scott and Company and the Stearns Manufacturing Company. Mr. Lipton was then connected with a bank at St. Petersburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania. Returning from the latter place in May, 1800, he assumed a position as bookkeeper for the Jarecki Manufacturing Company, at the time mentioned Henry and Charles Jarecki being at the head of the works. For twenty-seven years Mr. Lipton remained as head bookkeeper for that company, retiring in 1907 on account of ill health.

In 1862 Mr. Lipton was married to Martha R. Pruden, who was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Isaac Pruden, an early settler of that section. She died in 1904, at the age of sixty-three, mother of the following:—Cora N., who resides with her father; Anna M., wife of James D. Hay; Emma, deceased; John H., bookkeeper with the Jarecki Manufacturing Company; and Ada, who married A. W. Milne, treasurer of the Ball Engine Works. Mr. Lipton is one of the oldest and most honored business men of Erie, his entire life being a fine and striking illustration of faithfulness and efficiency. A Democrat in politics, he has been too busily engaged performing the legitimate duties assigned him to engaged in politics, and, in retirement, has no inclination to enter the field.

William S. Brown. The late William Saltsman Brown, who died in his native city of Erie in his eighty-second year, was both a remarkable and a thoroughly good man. There are few who have been connected with the founding and up-building of the place who have made so fine a record as he, in so many active and practical fields. In the founding of railroads and elevators, in the administration of the public service, in the development of the common school system and in the support of worthy charities, his strong, clear mind and generous, warm heart were ever constant influences always working for the substantial and higher interests of the city to which he was so firmly attached. His noble wife, who survived him less than two months, was even more a pioneer and a leader than he himself, in the establishment and promotion of not a few of Erie's most worthy charities. Mrs. Brown will be long remembered with gratitude and love as one of the founders of the Home for the Friendless, the true mother of the Bethel Mission and to the last, an ardent and unfaltering promoter of not only their advancement but of the general progress of practical charity and philanthropy in her community.

William S. Brown was born in the old Brown block, on French street, opposite the Reed House, on November 20, 1826, his father, Samuel Brown, being a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, born in 1796. The Brown family came to America in 1736, settling in Berks county at an early day. Samuel located in Erie in 1822, and there became a man of prominence. There he also married Elizabeth Saltsman, born in 1800, at Wesleyville, just east of Erie, William Saltsman, her father, was a native of Pennsylvania, son of Anthony Saltsman (who was killed by the Indians on the Susquehanna river) and first came to Erie county in 1796, being well known as one of its surveyors. Settling here permanently in 1800, he married Jane Stephenson and died in 1865, his wife passing away in the following year.

It may be stated as one of the early and noteworthy events in the life of William S. Brown that he was the first child baptized in the First

Presbyterian church of Erie. He was educated at the Erie Academy and at the age of fourteen years was ready to enter Princeton College, but because of business reverses which his father suffered, he enrolled himself as a world's worker at this time instead of a college student. At first he became a clerk for his uncle and three years later entered the Erie postoffice in a like capacity. Later he assumed a position in the office of General Reed and thus became an associate of the late Hon. W. L. Scott and the ties of intimacy and friendship thus formed, death alone terminated. It was at this period of his railroad career that Mr. Brown became a member of the committee which received Zachary Taylor, then lately returned from the Mexican war, who came to Erie county to participate in the celebration of "Perry Day" in 1849. In 1851 Mr. Brown became the local agent of the Erie & North East Railroad (now the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern) and later continued that office with that of treasurer, being thus identified with the railroad for many years. He was prominent during the "railroad war" and in 1865 became superintendent of the Erie & Pittsburg Railroad, having previously been a director of the old Oil Creek Railroad. In 1866, with Orange Noble, Joseph McCarter and Henry Shannon, Mr. Brown built the first elevator in Erie, an enterprise which was the beginning of the Erie and Western Transportation Company, now the Anchor Line The elevator property was afterward sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and Mr. Brown's active interest in railroads closed at that time. As agent at Erie he had charge of the train which carried Abraham Lincoln through Erie on his way to this first presidential inauguration and in 1865 he had charge, in the same capacity, of the train which bore the remains of the martyred president through Erie toward Springfield, Illinois. He was brought prominently before the public, in 1876, in connection with the great Ashtabula railroad wreck, being selected to assist in the settlement of claims against the Lake Shore Railroad.

During President Grant's first term, Mr. Brown's name was sent to the United States senate for confirmation as collector of revenue for his district. Senator Cameron was his sponsor; the appointment (quite unsolicited) was unanimously confirmed and he resigned the office after holding it about eighteen months, subsequently serving as deputy collector of customs of the Erie port for four years under the administration of Presidents Taylor and Fillmore. At a later date Mr. Brown had a personal acquaintance with Grant, Conkling and other men of national note. Locally, he served for eleven years on the Erie school board; but in still later years he lived in retirement, his only active participation being in connection with his directorship of the Second National Bank, with which institution he had long been identified.

On October 10, 1845, Mr. Brown married Rosena, the daughter of the late Joseph and Sallie (Shattuck) Winchell, of Erie. The Winchells, who were of English origin, first settled in New England, and then in New York state, migrating to Erie at an early date. Her mother was born at Harborcreek, Erie county. Mrs. Brown was educated in Erie and, even as a young girl, was active in church work. As stated she was one of the founders of the Home for the Friendless and an ardent promoter of its interests, as well as the founder of the Bethel Mission. On October 10, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Brown celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the old Brown home, No. 831 Peach street, where they had lived during the entire fifty years. At that time they were the only couple living who were born in Erie. Mr. Brown died July 24, 1908,

his widow surviving him only until September 19th following. They had become the parents of three children. Andrew Scott, the eldest, was born February 11, 1855; educated in the Erie schools and at Lafayette College and began his railroad career as cashier of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Erie. He then became identified with the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad at Denver, Colorado, and subsequently with the general traffic department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Chicago. Benjamin Bruce, the second child, was born January 22, 1859. He was educated in the public schools and at Erie Academy and was engaged in the wholesale iron business as a member of the firm of Brown and Thomas from 1879 to 1906. Benjamin B. Brown was appointed collector of the port in 1895, which position he has since held, as well as that of custodian of federal properties in Erie. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Erie Club, of all the Masonic bodies, and the Elks, now serving on the building association of the latter order. His wife (nee Sophia Dinsmore) was born in Erie and is a daughter of W. W. and Amy (Bliss) Dinsmore. They have one daughter, Amy Dinsmore Brown. Mary, the third child of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Brown, is the wife of Commander George R. Clark, United States Navy.

August Albert Schutte, of Erie, one of its leading business men of the younger generation, of late has attained special prominence as a grocer—so much so, that he was selected as a delegate from the local association to the last annual convention of his business associates. Mr. Schutte was born at No. 1041 West Fifth street, Erie, December 17, 1868, but has lived at No. 926, on that thoroughfare, for the past thirty-five years. Consequently he may be said to be fairly settled in the city of Erie. August Schutte, the father, was one of the city's early prominent German citizens, who for many years was closely identified with its business and public life. He was a native of Hanover, Germany, born in 1827, and came to the United States and to Erie about 1847. Four brothers emigrated to this country at the same time, the only one alive being Frederick, a resident of Erie. August was engaged in various lines of business in the city, being a wholesale dealer in fish, a restaurant keeper, and for many years a constable in the Fourth ward. He was also at one time in the clothing business, associated with Captain Frank Wagner. August Schutte served in the Civil war as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He married Caroline Ludwig, at Erie, the wife being born in Helmstadt Baden, Germany, and still living in her seventy-fifth year. The father died in 1875 from long-continued inflammatory rheumatism originally contracted during the war. The deceased was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Four of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. August Schutte are still living, as follows:—Charles W., a resident of Erie; Carrie, who married Albert Henderson, a former Erie county man who now lives in Buffalo, being at the time the widow of John E. Graham; August A., of this sketch; and William L., also an Erie citizen.

August A., of this sketch, was reared in Erie and attended the public schools of that city until the age of thirteen years, when he and his brother William entered the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphans School, at Mercer. At this writing Mr. Schutte is president of the school organization known as the "Sixteeners" for the year 1909, of eighteenth reunion of ex-students which will be held at Mercer, Wednesday and Thursday of the

third week in August. These are the permanent dates for the reunion, or conventions, which are attended by former students from all sections of the country, in which list is included a substantial array of leading citizens. The old school itself is now out of existence.

Before he was thirteen years of age, August A. Shutte had gone to work in the old rolling mills, and, upon returning from his schooling at Mercer, he secured employment with J. E. Patterson in what was then called the "99-cent Store." He ultimately joined the revenue cutter "Perry" as a wardroom boy, in which capacity he served two years, and was then wardroom steward for two years. All-in-all he devoted five years to the lake service, the last two years with the merchant marine. Mr. Schutte was married in 1889 and then spent several years as a clerk, a portion of the time for John Shields, whose store was at Fourth and Myrtle streets. The following year he was janitor of the No. 10 public school, after which, for three years, he was connected with the grocery store of Levi Roland, and for five years with the John Scorlett Grocery Company. In 1900 he established his own grocery at No. 928 East Sixth street where he continued for three years, and then removed to Ninth and German streets. After remaining at the latter location for four years he removed to his present place, No. 408 State Street. In all justice to Mr. Schutte's present high standing as a business man, and his steady advancement, it should be added that he has nothing to thank except his own preseverance, ability and honor. He is not only the founder and owner of a fine business, but holds valuable city real estate and enjoys a reputation as substantial as it is honorable.

In 1889 Mr. Schutte married Miss Frank B. Jordan, who was born in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, daughter of Warren W. Jordan, also a native of that township. When a boy of sixteen the latter enlisted in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Regiment Volunteer Infantry. He married Matilda Roberts and both are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. August A. Schutte three children have been born as follows: Ethel, December 22, 1891; Albert A., December 22, 1894; and F. Harold, May 9, 1906. He is an active member of the Grocers' Association and the Business Men's Exchange. He served as a delegate from the former body to the annual grocers' convention held at New Castle, Pennsylvania, in 1908 and is first alternate delegate to the 1909 convention of the Merchants' Association, to be held at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and although a Republican has never been a politician. His grocery is one of the most up-to-date in the city and he carries not only a large and complete stock but his furniture and fixtures are of the best. He employs four clerks and keeps three delivery wagons in constant motion. Mr. Schutte is one of the original stockholders in the Erie Wholesale Grocery Company and has an interest in the Mutual Ice Company.

Frank W. Laird, a well-known citizen and member of the general contracting firm of Laird Brothers, son of Wilson and Helen (Sloan) Laird, was born in the Third ward, in Erie,, April 7, 1868. His father was born in Erie, February 29, 1825, and was the son of Thomas Laird, who was an early settler, and conducted one of the early taverns of Erie, one the site of the present office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, on the Northwest corner of Eighth and State streets. Wilson Laird was one of Erie's leading attorneys, and his fellow citizens honored him by electing him three times to the office of mayor of the

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city; he died October 11, 1893. His wife was born at Pontiac, Michigan, January 22, 1837. To Wilson and Helen (Sloan) Laird were born the following children: Clarence, a printer, residing in Erie; George B., a printer, also resides at Erie; Margaret, married Frank Webber, a contractor of Erie; Helen, married William Comfort, and resides at Jamestown, New York; Frank W., of this article; Frederick W., of the firm of Laird brothers, contractors; Edith, married Fred Davies, of Erie; Lillian, married William McKinney, of Erie.

Frank W. Laird received his education in the public schools of his native city and later learned the tanner's trade, but after working at it a short time started to learn the trade of carpenter. In 1898 he went into partnership with his brother Frederick, in the contracting business, and by their industry and careful attention to the details of their business they have built up a flourishing enterprise. Mr. Laird has always been interested in the progress and affairs of Erie, and active in politics. In 1905 he was entered as a candidate for the common council, against his wishes, but to please the party, and carried the Fifth ward by more than one hundred fifty majority, while the candidate for mayor on the opposing ticket, at the same time carried the ward by over four hundred majority. He is immensely popular with all who know him, and has a large circle of friends. He is a member of Perry Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of the Maccabees. Mr. Laird married Mary, daughter of George Mertz, born in Corry, Pennsylvania, and they have had six children, as follows: Helen, Frank, LeRoy, Marie, Josephine and George.

Henry Kugel, of the firm of Gottfried & Company, of Erie, was born in Philadelphia, September 29, 1857; his parents were Jacob Kugel, who emigrated from Germany in 1846, and Pauline Maier, a native of Germany, who came to the United States some time before her marriage. Henry Kugel lived in Philadelphia until 1894, and there learned the bakery business of his father, who had been established in that city in the business since 1850, and was very successful. Upon the death of his father, in 1890, Henry succeeded to the business and conducted same for some two and a half years, and then removed to Erie, having sold the bakery. He became a member of the firm of A. Gottfried & Company, of Erie, and is considered one of the city's representative business men. He is a member of the German Baptist church, and is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of that institution. He has met with success in all his undertakings, and is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen of Erie, having the confidence and trust of all who have business or social dealings with him.

Mr. Kugel married Wilhelmina Goebel, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when a young girl, and to them have been born the following children: Elsie, who is attending the Erie high school, Grace, Harry, Reuben, and Esther.

Thomas Woods Sterrett, of the borough of Fairview, Erie county, is of the seventh generation of Sterretts of Pennsylvania, born at Sterrettania in McKean township, this county, and, like his father before him is engaged in conveyancing and private banking.

Mr. Sterrett dates his birth March 14, 1873. His father, Thomas Sterrett, was a son of David and Mary (Sterrett) Sterrett, and a grand-

son of James and Anna (McKnight) Sterrett; and James was a son of William and Jane (Morrow) Sterrett, who was a son of Robert and Mary (Ramsey) Sterrett; and Robert was a son of Benjamin and Isabella Sterrett. Robert and Isabella Sterrett moved from Scotland, their native land, during the religious persecutions there, and took refuge in Donegal county, Ireland (then the home of persecuted Scots), to evade those opposed to their religious belief, and this was their home until about 1719 when they and their children: Thomas, John, Robert, Benjamin and Isabella together with their families emigrated to Pennsylvania, then the asylum for the harassed and depressed sons and daughters of the relics of the reformation; and whither William Penn invited the persecuted of every creed and religious opinion. John and Benjamin participated in Cresop's war and were among others who captured and took Cresop a prisoner to Philadelphia. They settled in what is now Lancaster county where one died in 1739; their numerous descendants are widely dispersed throughout the land, and their influence contributed greatly to the progress of the community enlightened by their presence. Robert and Mary (Ramsey) Sterrett were married and their oldest son was three years of age at the time of their migration to America, and they settled in what is now Dauphin county, at Lower Paxtown township on Swatara creek, where they resided until his death April, 1777, and where they reared a family of seven children as follows: William, whom we will refer to; James, who was born in 1723, settled near Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1808, he married Sarah Montgommery who survived him and died at the extreme age of nearly one hundred years. He had many descendants among whom were the Hon. James Patterson Sterrett, chief justice of the supreme court at Philadelphia, for many years, and Dr. John Patterson Sterrett of Pittsburg; Agness, the wife of Samuel Hanna; Mary, the wife of John Bowman; David, who was born in 1746, removed to Cumberland county in 1762, where he built a grist mill which he operated until his death November 2, 1790; and Robert Sterrett. William and Jane (Morrow) Sterrett removed to Cumberland county about 1750 and settled on the Barrens north of Big Springs, where he acquired considerable land. He held the office of sheriff and overseer of the poor for several terms and reared a family of seven children: Robert, who married Margaret McComb, and came to Erie county in 1804 and settled on four hundred acres of land in the north-west corner of McKean township, two hundred acres of which has ever since remained as the Sterrett homestead; James, whom we will refer to again; William; Thomas; Jane, who became the wife of William Trimble; Mary, the wife of James McKnight and Elizabeth who married a Mr. Laird.

James Sterrett, born in 1755, married Anna McKnight, who was born in 1760, and, engaged in farming in Cumberland county until 1807, when he sold his fine farm of four hundred acres there, and came to Erie county in June of that year; they came across the mountains with two four horse wagons and one two horse wagon for grandma and the children to ride in; they cut their way through the forests and camped out at night. The village of Sterrettania was named after the wife of James "Sterrett Anna" who died March 30, 1815, he died October 15, 1822, and they are buried in the Sterrett cemetery. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; their children were: Ann, who married George Clark, who are the parents of Robert, James, Samuel, David, Ann Eliza and Jane Clark; William, who married Martha Chambers, and has

Chambers, James C., William, Benjamin, Ruth Ann, Louisa, Mary Jane, Martha R. and Ezekiel; James M., the tanner, who married Jane Spesser and they are the parents of James B., David, Joseph, William, Samuel, John Q. A., George L., of Erie, Caroline, Mary Jane, and Elizabeth; Jane, who became the wife of Sheldon Ball, and is the mother of Gideon, Ann, Maria C., Hermian, James and Eliza; David, whom we will refer to; Robert T., who married Mary Woods Stewart, and they are the parents of Woods, Jane, wife of David Clark, Eliza, wife of Hon. Samuel E. Woodruff, James S., Martha, Sophia, David, Joseph, Harriet and Robert; Thomas, who married Sibby Jenkins, and whose children are Mariah, Fanny Lucinda, Harriet Jane, Eliza, Charlie J., Clementine, and Rose; Samuel who married Lydia Kitsmiller, and has James, Joseph, Mary, Anna Levia, and Samuel; Hon. Joseph M. Sterrett, who married Catharine Riblet, the founder of the Erie *Gazette* established January 15, 1820, associate judge for several years, postmaster of Erie from March 27, 1861, to April 8, 1869, county commissioner in 1829, was captain of the Erie guards in 1823, was elected to state senate in 1837, the parents of Mary Ann, Jane, Elizabeth, David, Catharine, Joseph, Henryetta and John Sterrett.

David Sterrett, born March 30, 1789, returned to his native place and on March 23, 1815, married Mary Sterrett, born March 10, 1794, a daughter of Robert and Martha (Woods) Sterrett, a granddaughter of David and Rachel (Innis) Sterrett and a great-granddaughter of the Robert and Mary (Ramsey) Sterrett above noted. He and his bride returned to the old farm on horse-back by the way of Pittsburg, it taking them three weeks to make the journey; he built a sawmill and grist mill, in 1839, the latter of which is doing useful duty to this day. He cut down the timber in the primeval forest, which he sawed and seasoned, from which he built a large log house, in 1817, which still stands on the old farm. In 1828 he and his brother Thomas built a distillery which they operated for not more than six or seven years; as according to his own statement "it was a hard proposition to make money trusting out whiskey." He donated the land for the grave-yard, the school house and the church; the church was built by contract he having subscribed one hundred dollars and advanced most of the other subscriptions only a small portion of which was ever paid him; the use of the church land contained a clause designating that the church was to be used by any denomination but that the Presbyterians were to be given the first preference. During the war of 1812 he was an ensign in the state militia, and bore a part in that war. He brought the first cook stove into the county which he carted from Pittsburg by teams. He died on the old farm December 22, 1865, his widow survived him, making her home with her son Thomas until her death January 13, 1873. Their children in order of birth are as follows: Ann M., who became the wife of Rev. Hiram Norton, and had two children, Lysander and Mary Norton; Brice Innis; Martha J., who married Peter Wright; James L.; Rachel R., the wife of Charles Brockway, parents of Mary, Fred B. and Charles; Mary E.; Andrew J., who was the county commissioner's clerk for seventeen years, he married Helen Brecht, they were the parents of Ralph B., Reid G., Scott, Lysander N., Mack M., Andrew J., Thomas G. and Ruth Ann; Robert Woods, who married Mary Ann Sturgeon, has one son, David Innis; Thomas, of whom further mention is made; Isabel, wife of Rev. A. Hall, the only survivor of this family; and David Brice Innis, who was a prominent attorney.

Thomas, father of T. Woods, was born March 20, 1830, in the old log house above referred to and passed his life on the old farm which came into his possession, in 1868 he built a modern house opposite the old one. He was justice of the peace for nearly twenty-four years in succession, and it is said of him that he settled nearly every case brought before him; that he never had a decision reversed in the higher courts. For many years he was a private banker for his neighbors, who went to him with their financial matters. He was one of the best known men in the county, was thoroughly posted regarding the financial standing of nearly every man within a radius of many miles, had no desire to hold office yet held all the important offices in the township, was well posted in law matters and did considerable legal writing; one could scarcely go by his door without seeing teams hitched there. He was one who dearly loved his home and his family, a feeling which was reciprocal. Our readers need not be reminded of the manner in which he performed his work, there was a method in his business; a patience and affability in official intercourse; an unobtrusive civility and endurance of labor, a courtesy of manner, and tenacity of memory, accuracy in figures and neatness of penmanship, and a vigilant interest in the public weal which were strikingly manifest, which especially fitted him for this work. His home like that of his parents and grandparents was one of liberal hospitality. In all his long and eventful career no breath of suspicion ever sullied his fair name, he died February 20, 1898, respected by all.

His widow, whose maiden name was Nancy C. Sturgeon, was born November 3, 1838, and was the eldest child of Samuel C. and Martha C. (Eaton) Sturgeon, a granddaughter of Jeremiah and Jane (Moorehead) Sturgeon, and Jeremiah was a son of Samuel and Margaret Sturgeon. From early childhood she was instructed in the doctrines and duties of the Christian faith, in early life she became a member of the Fairview Presbyterian church, whose doctrines and usages she has cordially indorsed. June 7, 1864, she was married and always cheerfully shared with her husband the toils, sacrifices and joys of his eventful life. In all the relations of domestic life in which she has been placed, she has been an honor to her sex, and, as the wife of a business man, was eminently useful. She now makes her home on the old farm with her son Theodore S. D. and reaps much pleasure visiting among her children who are always glad to have her with them. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Sterrett we record that Mollie M., wife of Samuel E. Persons, resides at Ripley, New York; Anna B., wife of Lorin Benjamin Cushman is a resident of North East, Pennsylvania; Theodore Samuel David married a Miss Minnie M. Garver, and they are the parents of Esther, Thomas, Barbara and Emma and he now owns and occupies the old homestead. He has filled the office of justice of the peace ever since the death of his father and is following the same work that his father laid down, which he is well prepared to perform; Charles James Johnson, deceased; Thomas Woods, whose name introduces this sketch; and Fred Earl, who died in early life.

T. Woods Sterrett received his education in the district school, and at an early age gave his attention to the study of architecture. For fifteen years he was engaged in general contracting. As already stated at the beginning of this sketch, he is doing a conveyancing and private banking business, and since 1902 he has filled the office of justice of the peace. Thus, in a measure, he has taken up the work laid down

by his honored father, and is carrying on that work in a manner that entitles him to the representative place he holds in the community.

Mr. Sterrett is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, being a member of the Masonic Lodge at Girard, the chapter, commandery and Shrine at Erie, and consistory at Pittsburg. November 14, 1899, he married Miss Sarena May Kreider, who presides over his home. She too is a native of Sterrettania, and was born February 26, 1876, on the old Kreider farm which joins the Sterrett farm on the north. She is a daughter of Levi H. and Sarena Francis (Weidler) Kreider, granddaughter of John and Susan (Heidler) Kreider, and a great-granddaughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Kreider, who came to Erie county in 1829 from Lancaster county. She is a member of Trinity Episcopal church, also of the Eastern Star and Rebekahs.

Mr. Sterrett in his researches has collected many relics, one of which he prizes the most is a piece of silk embroidered cloth which was a piece of the coat which his great-great-great-grandfather wore at the time of his migration to America.

Charles H. Urick Sr., president of the Urick Foundry Company, of Erie, was born at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of December, 1849, and comes of a sturdy stock which has been established in that section of Pennsylvania for several generations. The maternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania, and the ancestry on both sides of the family is such as to account for the industrious, thorough and useful traits of character which have ever marked the personalities of the descendants. Mr. Urick is the son of Elias and Amanda (Atkins) Urick. His father was a hatter by trade and, after working for many years at Lebanon, he accumulated a small capital to establish his own business; but just as he had opened a place of his own, death claimed him. The widow died in Erie, the family moving to that city after Charles H. had become a resident of it.

Mr. Urick, of this sketch, spent his boyhood days at Lebanon, in whose public schools he was educated, and at the age of sixteen he commenced work in a nut and bolt factory in that place. A year later he began to learn the trade of molding in the same establishment, and after following that occupation at Lebanon and other parts of the country until 1871, he became a resident of Erie and a molder for the Stears Manufacturing Company. In the following year he entered the employ of the Jarecki Manufacturing Company and in 1876 was promoted as foreman of its foundry department, continuing in that position of responsibility until 1893. In that year he was associated with the Walker Brothers in the establishment of the Walker foundry, of which he was superintendent until 1905. In February of that year he withdrew from the company and in the following April broke ground for the erection of the Urick foundry on Cherry street and the Lake Shore Railroad. With the incoropration of the Urick Foundry Company, he was elected president and treasurer while his sons became identified with it in the following capacities: W. J. Urick, secretary; W. J. Urick and Charles H. Urick Jr. (with Charles H. Urick Sr.), directors. The plant, which is strictly modern, covers an area of 165 by 300 feet, all the main buildings being of brick. The foundry proper is 90 by 96 feet, with an addition 30 by 69 feet. In another building, 60 by 64 feet, are the cleaning and engine rooms and the carpenter shop. The pattern storage room is 40 by 100 feet, and outside of these main structures are the office building, barns and sheds. The works employ an average of one hundred men, and

the business has so expanded from Erie that it now covers northern Pennsylvania. Personally the senior member of the foundry company is thoroughly esteemed as one of the most skilled iron workers in the state which justly claims the best in the world, and in the broader field of business and manufactures he stands in the van. He is an influential member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and in his religious faith is a stanch Presbyterian. His wife, formerly Margaret Moran, is a native of Erie, a daughter of William and Bridget Moran, and mother of the following: William J. Urick, secretary of the Urick Foundry Company, who married Miss Marie Diefenbaugh, of Erie; Charles H. Jr., a partner in the foundry company, who married Miss Florence Dunn, of that city; and Earl, also identified with the foundry, whose wife was formerly Miss Edna Hunt, of Erie.

John Ferdinand Decker. The Decker family, which has taken so leading a part in the development of the southwestern portion of Erie, is typical of that useful, practical and progressive German-American element which is so largely at the basis of the prosperity of the urban and agricultural committees of the middle west. Children and parents have all contributed to its progress, and especially John F., of this biography, who has resided in the county for fifty-three years and is recognized as the largest property holder in southwestern Erie and one of its most honored citizens. In fact, the entire city sees in him one of its most sturdy builders and most able and upright men. He is the owner of half a dozen business blocks and a score of residences; has behind him many years of successes as a merchant, and has been active and prominent in municipal and religious matters. He is, in a word, a rounded, wholesome German-American, proud of the liberal institutions of his adopted country, and contributing in every practical way, consistent with honor, to their advancement.

The Decker family came from State Hesse, Germany, its pioneer member to come to the United States being Mary M., the eldest sister of John F., who became a resident of Erie in 1850. In 1862 she was joined by George, the eldest brother, and two years later came Jacob, another brother. In 1856 the parents, John Phillips and Eliza (Hufe) Decker, with their son, John F., and their daughters, Kate and Margaret, joined themselves to the Erie circle, and the household was then completely transferred to America, the last contingent landing at New York, and coming to Erie on the Erie and Lake Shore roads. The family first settled on the East Buffalo road, on a piece of land then owned by the late Dr. Brandis, near the shops of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad. About two years later they located on West Mill creek, between Swantown and Manchester, but a few years thereafter returned to the city, where the father died in 1869 and the mother, in 1889. The parents were both members of the German Evangelical church.

John F. Decker, of this biography, was born in the State Hesse, Germany, on the 13th of August, 1839, received his preliminary schooling in that part of Germany, and was fifteen years of age when he came with his parents and two sisters to the United States. His first work after coming to Erie county was in a paper mill near Swantown, and he had made some progress as a shoemaker's apprentice when he came to reside in the city in 1858 and entered the employ of Neibauer and Gross. Six months later, his health being threatened, he abandoned the trade

altogether; then entered the employ of his brother George in the grocery business, and was thus engaged until he was twenty-one years of age. This proved an epoch in his life in more ways than the attainment of his majority; for he then established a grocery of his own, on Peach street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, asserting his independence in business, as well as in all other affairs. At first he occupied rented quarters, but in a few years erected a brick store at No 1521 Peach street, in which he conducted his business during the period of the Civil war. In 1865 he sold his store and purchased the property at No. 427 West Eighteenth street which now covers the site of his present residence. The building of the car shops in the year mentioned suggested to Mr. Decker's good business sense the establishment of another grocery business at No. 431 West Eighteenth street, for which purpose he erected a store at that location. For nearly thirty years thereafter he continued in business in that locality, engaging in the grocery line for more than ten years, and in a general trade (embracing groceries, shoes and dry goods) during the latter portion of the period, until 1894. His more general store was conducted at Nos. 450 and 452 West Eighteenth street, although quite early he turned the grocery department over to his daughter, Kate M., retaining the dry goods, building a more commodious store and adding notions, wall paper and paint. In 1894 he turned over the latter business to his son, Edward J., who, five years later, erected his own store, the original enterprise being resumed by Mr. Decker and his son, Charles F. In 1905 the latter became its sole proprietor, and the elder man, the founder of so much of the substantial prosperity of southwestern Erie, retired from the field as an active merchant. As a property holder, however, he still retains his old-time position, being the owner of six stores (all brick except one), and all located on West Eighteenth street except one (on Walnut and Seventeenth streets), as well as fifteen or more residences in southwest Erie, a fine house on West Eleventh street and a piece of property on the corner of French and Twenty-first street.

Mr. Decker is best known to the people of Erie as an enterprising and successful business man, but there are other decided phases of his character. He is deeply interested in civic progress and, although his actual municipal service is confined to several years in the common council in the seventies, his advice in public matters has always been considered disinterested and valuable. He is a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Lincoln, and remembers with gratitude that he was privileged to hear the solemn, quaint words of the great and simple man, while he was passing through Erie on his way to Washington and his inaugural. Mr. Decker is devoted to the faith of his forefathers—the Evangelical Lutheran—and has served as president, secretary and treasurer of St. John's church in Erie. The members of his family are also active in the work of that society. Mr. Decker's wife, to whom he was married August 14, 1860, was Miss Elizabeth Felenbaker, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and when only three years of age was brought by her parents to this county, first living on a farm and then removing to the city. The four children of this union were as follows: Kate M., who married Henry H. Stricker, a citizen of Erie; Emma, Mrs. Charles R. Aichner, also of that city; Edward J., who married Emma Aichner, and Charles F., whose wife was Miss Anna Bierbauer, all residents of Erie.

Christopher Bloeser, whose special position in the business community is treasurer of the Erie Wholesale Grocery Company, stands on a broad plane of public enterprise and citizenship. He is otherwise financially interested in various industries of a private and semi-public nature, and is one of the large property owners of the city. In the special field of his greatest prominence he has been an active figure for the past third of a century, the Erie Wholesale Company being virtually his creation. Mr. Bloeser is a native of Erie, the place of his birth being a house on French street, which is second from the corner of Thirteenth street, and his birthday, June 16, 1848. His parents, Christopher and Elizabeth (Boer) Bloeser, were both born in Germany, but commenced their residence in Erie when quite young. The father learned the carpenter's trade in that city and there followed it for many years, being one of the builders of the locks on the old Erie canal. His death in 1869 resulted from an accident by which he fell from a railroad bridge. Mr. Bloeser's wife is a daughter of Laurence Boer, who, with his wife, located in Erie after the birth of the daughter mentioned, and died in the city at the age of ninety-three years. Mrs. Elizabeth Bloeser is not only still living at the age of ninety-one years, but remarkable to relate, is in the enjoyment of all her faculties. The six children born to this remarkable mother were as follows: Mary A., who is married; Charles F., deceased, formerly of Erie; Helen, also married, who is the wife of C. Kessler, of Erie; Christopher, Jr., of this sketch; John S. and William, also both of that city; and Anna, who resides in Erie and is the widow of Bruno Wieland.

At the age of eleven years, Christopher Bloeser, who had been reared at Erie, went to work in Brown's Hotel at five dollars per month. His next employment was with Barney McGrapp, the clothier, and immediately after the Civil war, when he was in his eighteenth year, he became connected with the grocery business of C. Kessler. He was successively employed in the same line and in the same building with Burton and Griffith, Burton and Wilkins and Mattheas Hartlet, and on April 1, 1876, he began his independent career as a grocer by opening his store on the corner of East Eighteenth and Holland streets. He has occupied the same location continuously ever since, and on June 1, 1906, chiefly through his exertions, was organized the Erie Wholesale Grocery Company. This was an outgrowth, or an offshoot, of the Erie Grocers' Association, each of which organizations has now its separate field of business. Mr. Bloeser has been treasurer of the later company from the time of its organization. He is also financially interested in the Erie silk mills and the Mutual Telephone Company, and his successful business interests have brought him the abundant means which he has so largely invested in real estate. In his ventures of this character, also, his sound judgment of present conditions and future prospects has brought him into the fore ranks of property owners. Among his valuable pieces of city property are three residences and one business block on Eighteenth street, and one residence on East Nineteenth street. Mr. Bloeser is an active member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Business Men's Exchange. His political affiliations are with the Democracy, in national affairs, while in local matters he votes according to his independent judgment of men and measures. In his religious faith, he is a stanch Lutheran. Mr. Bloeser's wife was formerly Miss Elizabeth Koster, who was born in Erie and is a daughter of Laurence Koster, one of the well known merchants of the city, now deceased. Lillian and Clara, the two children by this marriage, are both at home.

Daniel Mitchell McDannel, one of the best known citizens and business men of Erie, and vice president of the Erie Wholesale Grocery Company, is a native of that city, born in a house which stood on the site of his present home and grocery store at Nos. 906 and 908 East Sixth street, on the 7th of October, 1861. He is the son of O. H. P. McDannel, who was born in East Mill Creek township, this county, about 1832, and the grandson of Daniel McDannel, one of the pioneers of the township named. The mother of Daniel M. was Mary Ann Nelson, a native of New York City born in 1842, whose father emigrated from Scotland and her mother, from Ireland—the former dying in the summer of 1903 and the latter still surviving.

Daniel M. McDannel was reared in East Mill Creek township (now the city) until he was about five years old, the parents then locating on a farm on the Buffalo road and still later founding the homestead on the East Lake road. The boy received his education in the public schools; worked on the home farm until he was twenty years old, and then went to work in the shops of the Lovell Manufacturing Company, M. N. Lovell, its proprietor, being his uncle by marriage to his mother's sister. After remaining about four years in the shops, the youth rented a farm in Harbor Creek township and operated it for three years, returning then to his home farm on the Lake road in East Mill Creek township, where he spent six years in agriculture connected both with general farming and gardening. He next farmed in Summit township for a time, and on January 16, 1896, located in Erie, purchased ground on East Sixth street, built a stone warehouse and engaged in the retail grocery business, which he has continued to successfully prosecute ever since. In August, 1906, he erected a large and handsome brick residence adjacent to his store, which is considered one of the most convenient and modern homes on East Sixth street.

Speaking more in detail regarding his business, it may be stated that Mr. McDannel has made a decided success of it, and now has the leading store of its kind in this section of the city, it having outlived several other groceries which were in the field long before his. He now employs three clerks and runs two delivery wagons. Mr. McDannel and Christopher Bloeser were the prime organizers of the Erie Wholesale Grocery Company. They had firm faith in the enterprise, and worked steadily for it until now it is a complete success in every respect and is still growing in volume of business and importance. Mr. McDannel was the second secretary of the company, succeeding William Heiss who had served six months. After holding that office for two years he was chosen to his present position, that of vice president of the company. His more extended commercial relations are as a leading member of the Business Men's Exchange and of the Erie Grocerymen's Association, and he has held the treasurership of the latter for the past nine years. He belongs to the Woodmen of the World and his politics may be classed as liberal Republican.

On December 3, 1891, Mr. McDannel married Miss Kate A. Root, who was born in Summit township, Erie county, June 30, 1870, daughter of Sidney and Rebecca (Eckert) Root, both citizens of Summit county. Her father came with his parents from Connecticut, the family making the overland journey in an old ox wagon. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. McDannel have become the parents of the following children: Ruth, born October 10, 1896, and Ethel, born March 29, 1901. The parents are active members of the Methodist church.

Henry L. Brevillier, prothonotary of Erie county, well known in the city of Erie as a representative resident, was here born and reared, his father being Gustav F. Brevillier, one of the leading German citizens of this portion of the state. While spending his youthful days in his parents' home Henry L. Brevillier attended the public and high schools of Erie and also pursued a thorough commercial course in Germany while on a visit in that country with his parents, who were spending some time amid the scenes of their youth. Indeed the visit covered a period of several years, so that Mr. Brevillier became well acquainted with the land of his forefathers. For twenty-six years his connection with business interests was that of shipping clerk with the old firm of Johnston & Brevillier, of Erie, and in July, 1900, he became deputy prothonotary under the late Theodore F. Noble. The ability which he displayed in discharging his duties led to his election in November, 1905, to the office which he is now filling and to which he was re-elected in November, 1908, as the Republican candidate. His official record has at all times been characterized by the utmost loyalty and devotion to duty and he is well known as a public-spirited and progressive man.

Mr. Brevillier belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Board of Trade and is interested in all the movements of those organizations for general progress and improvement. Fraternally he is connected with the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Honor, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in his life displays the beneficent spirit which underlies these organizations.

Mr. Brevillier was married in 1879 to Miss Elise Eichhorn, of Erie, and unto them have been born three children: Johanna Catherine, who was born July 28, 1880, and died October 23d of the same year; Gustav H., born September 9, 1882; and Alexander F., who was born February 24, 1885, and on the 26th of October, 1908, wedded Mary Emeline Foster. The Brevillier family has long been a prominent one in this city and Henry L. Brevillier is widely and prominently known in social as well as business and official circles of the city.

Rev. John J. F. Donnellan, Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, Erie, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Erie, is a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, born on May 18, 1872, and is a son of the late Hon. John F. Donnellan of that city. He received his early education at St. Mary's Academy, Jersey City, after which he entered St. Mary's Catholic Institute, conducted by the Christian Brothers. He was next a student for three years at the De La Salle Institute, New York City, whence he graduated with high honors, and upon the completion of his collegiate course at Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey, in 1892, he received the Degrees of A. B. and A. M. Father Donnellan's theological studies were continued at Seton Hall Seminary and completed at St. Bonaventure's Seminary, Allegany, New York, where he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 24, 1897, by the Rt. Rev. James E. Quigley, D. D., now His Grace, the Archbishop of Chicago. He celebrated his First Solemn High Mass at St. Mary's Church, Jersey City, on Sunday, June 27, 1897.

On July 9, 1897, Father Donnellan reached Erie to assume the sacred and responsible duties of his present offices as Chancellor of the Diocese and Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral. Under his conscientious, thorough and able administration of material and spiritual affairs, the

membership of his Parish has greatly increased; its schools have advanced in efficiency and attendance; financial conditions have been bettered; poverty and distress of body and mind have been relieved, and the general community centering in the Cathedral and its broad work has been blessed and uplifted.

Henry Shenk. A man of versatile talents, possessing great mechanical, artistic and business ability, Henry Shenk, of Erie, is widely known as one of the leading contractors and builders of Erie county, his work being in evidence in the more important cities of Western Pennsylvania. Putting forth his best endeavors in the fulfillment of his many and large contracts, he has invariably met with success. Ever true to his convictions, honor and integrity are synonomous with his name, and he enjoys to a marked degree the respect of his fellow-men. He is a native-born son of Erie county, his birth having occurred July 31, 1836, in Mill Creek township. He comes of Pioneer stock, his paternal grandparents having migrated to this county from Lancaster county at an early day, making the journey through the almost pathless woods with teams. John Shenk, Mr. Shenk's father, was then a lad of nine years. He grew up with the county, and after his marriage with Nancy Miller began the improvement of the homestead on which he and his faithful helpmate spent the remainder of their lives.

Acquiring such knowledge of books as could be obtained in the rural schools of his youthful days, Henry Shenk began working at the carpenters trade in the spring of 1853, finding plenty of employment in the vicinity of his home. In the fall of that year, desirous of broadening his field of action, he came to the city of Erie, entered the employment of John Hill, and for several months worked on what is known as the Paragon and Austin building, in North Park Row. Going to Girard, Pennsylvania, the following spring, he worked there, and in the near-by country for two years. In the spring of 1857 Mr. Shenk returned to his home to build a house for his father on the old homestead, completing it in the very early part of 1859. Coming then to Erie, he was for a short time in the employ of Messrs. Crook & Lytle, after which he worked three years for Messrs. Jones and White, and two years for Mr. Hill. Forming a partnership, in the spring of 1863, with I. P. Kinsey, he carried on business for a number of seasons as junior member of the firm of Kinsey & Shenk, his first work of importance being the erection of a house in Mill street, near State street, for Henry Jarecki. A few years later this firm admitted into patrnership Peter Brubaker, and in connection with other business operated the planing mill located at the corner of Eleventh and French streets. The partnership, however, did not long continue. Mr. Kinsey selling out his interest to L. F. White, and the firm name being changed to L. F. White & Co. Dissatisfaction among the members of this new firm soon became apparent, finally reaching such a stage that the troubles were taken to court, and before a settlement was reached the mill was destroyed by fire. Mr. Shenk then, by agreement of the partners, took charge of the company's affairs, turned all that was left into money, and with the proceeds paid as far as possible the debts of the firm. Creditors still having claims against the firm gave him ample time, and he finally succeeded in paying every debt in full, an achievement bespeaking in no unmeasured terms of his business sagacity and judgment.

After the burning of the mill Mr. Shenk continued business as a builder and contractor in Erie, doing the best he could without capital, remaining here until the spring of 1878, when he concluded to take contracts outside of the city. Accordingly, that very spring, he took the contract to build the Oil Exchange in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and the ensuing spring erected the Oil Exchange at Titusville, Pennsylvania. His work proving most satisfactory in each case, he was given the contract in the summer of 1879, to build the Court House in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, which was completed the next year, and proved a credit to his good taste and skilful workmanship. The same year Mr. Shenk erected a part of the Huntingdon Industrial Reformatory, afterwards taking a contract to complete the same, the contract covering a period of nearly six years, the cost being about $900,000.

In 1882 Mr. Shenk began business operations in Pittsburg, his first contract being the erection of the Y. M. C. A. building. His ability and integrity meeting with a ready recognition, he subsequently continued business in that thriving city, opening an office, and has since filled many contracts of importance, having erected some of the finest public structures, business blocks, private buildings, and palatial residences of recent years, among others worthy of note being the Christ Methodist Episcopal church, a magnificent piece of architecture, costing nearly $300,000; and the famous Carnegie Library Building, which alone would establish the fame of any builder. This building, which was dedicated November 5, 1895, cost over $700,000. Mr. Shenk's operations in Erie have also been large and important, including the erection of the Central High School Building; the Downing Block; the Park Opera House; the Hamot Hospital; and other notable buildings. His business establishment in Erie, situated at the corner of Twelfth and Sassafras streets, is one of the largest and best-equipped manufacturing plants in the city, and is operated by the Henry Shenk Company, which consists of himself and his two sons, Mr. Shenk being president, his son Charles E., vice-president, and his son Wilbur is secretary and treasurer.

About seventeen years ago Mr. Shenk was stricken with paralysis, since which time he has taken little active part in the business, it being carried on by the above mentioned firm, and has been constantly increasing and now it is one of the large contracting firms of the country. While not taking any active part in affairs, Mr. Shenk has kept himself thoroughly posted through all his years of sickenss to just what the firm has been doing, and how the work has been conducted, and in giving his valuable advice from time to time, which has been thoroughly appreciated by the members of the firm.

William P. Hayes, one of Erie's oldest active business men, one of its most highly respected citizens, is a native son of Erie county, and was born at Waterford, December 3, 1829. He is descended on both sides of his family, from Pennsylvania pioneers, and is the son of James and Polly (Boyd) Hayes. The Hayes family of which he is a descendant was founded in America by John Hays, a native of Donegal, Ireland, who came to America in 1730, settling first in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and removing a few years later to Northumberland county, where he made permanent settlement and spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of a large family, and five of his sons served in the Revolution and were with General Washington at the historic Crossing of the Delaware. One son, Captain John Hays, raised and commanded a com-

pany, and for this and his service as an officer, he received a grant of a large tract of land. Captain John's son Robert, grandfather of William P. Hayes, was also a soldier in the Revolution, and this branch of the family for some reason inserted the "e" in the name. His son, James Hayes, was born in Northumberland county, Pennyslvania, in 1799, and removed to Waterford, Erie county, about 1821-22, and there died March 1, 1874. He married Polly Boyd, who was born in Northumberland county, in 1800, and died in 1866. She was daughter of John Boyd, whose father served as musician in the Revolutionary war, and was one of the pioneers of Erie county, the family settling in Waterford about 1800.

James Hayes was a wheelwright and chair maker, and at one time built and operated a mill on French creek, where he carried on the manufacture of chairs. James and Polly Hayes had fourteen children, of whom the following are living: Charles M., of Titusville, Pennsylvania; Ellen, who married John Holden, and resides at Chicago; and William P.

William P. Hayes left Waterford in 1845, when sixteen years of age, proceeding to Erie, where he found employment in the store of Charles M. Tibbals; in 1851 Mr. Tibbals gave him an interest in the business, and the name became Tibbals & Hayes, general merchants. Five or six years later the health of Mr. Tibbals failed and he sold his interest to Mr. Hayes, who then formed a partnership with William A. Jordan, taking the name of Hayes & Jordan. About this time the firm began to occupy the fine store fitted out by General Reed, in the Reed House Block, and soon after this Mr. Jordan retired from the business. In 1860 General Reed became a partner of Mr. Hayes, and under the name of Hayes & Company they did a growing business. At this time, when Mr. Hayes proceeded to New York for the purchase of goods, he carried with him a letter from Mr. Reed to A. T. Stewart, at that time a merchant prince, telling of the partnership, and asking him to let the bearer have all the goods he wanted; General Reed was well-known in New York and Mr. Stewart informed Mr. Hayes he could have everything in his store if he wished. The firm of Hayes & Company did business until the destruction by fire of the Reed block, after which General Reed withdrew. Mr. Hayes at this time removed his stock to a store on State between Eighth and Ninth streets. At this time the Civil war was being fought, and when peace was near General Reed advised Mr. Hayes to get out of business, as a period of commercial depression was at hand, and following this sage advice, he closed out his entire stock at auction and private sale. Mr. Hayes purchased a farm in Chautauqua county, New York, although he never lived on same. In later years Mr. Hayes handled considerable real estate for General Reed, and was a lifelong friend of that wonderful business man, who did so much for the progress of Erie in early times.

In 1867 Mr. Hayes and S. P. Keplar, under the firm name of Hayes & Keplar, organized the first real estate business of Erie. In 1876 Mr. Keplar withdrew from the firm, and Mr. Hayes managed the enterprise alone until 1889, in which year his son, Charles B., became a member of the firm, and the name became Hayes & Son, which has done a large amount of business, and is the largest enterprise of the kind in the city. Mr. Hayes has contributed much to the progress and development of Erie, and his business methods have gained for him the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Hayes married Juliet F., daughter of Captain John Justice, who was born in Erie, in 1829. John Justice, who was a ship carpenter, came to Erie to help build Perry's fleet, and became one of the city's most honored citizens. He married Ann, daughter of Sheriff Gray, of Erie county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were born children as follows: 1. Frank M., manager of the American Security Company, with headquarters at Pittsburg, where he resides. He was at one time employed by the United States Government as expert and as receiver wound up several banks throughout the country, which had failed, among them the Keystone Bank, of Erie. 2. William J., now employed by the government as expert in bank defalcations, in New York City. He was at one time cashier of various banks, and was in the employ of the government during Cleveland and Harrison's administrations. 3. Joseph H., was cashier of the Keystone Bank of Pittsburg, one of the city's largest banking institutions, but on account of poor health was forced to resign his position, and died in October, 1898. 4. Charles B., of the firm of Hayes & Son, is one of the prominent young business men of Erie. 5. A daughter, who died in infancy.

Charles S. Clarke. A citizen whose influence has permeated in a most beneficent way the business and civic life of the city of Erie, where he has rendered distinguished service in offices of high public trust and where he has been a strong factor in forwarding the industrial prestige of the community, Mr. Clarke, former postmaster and former mayor of Erie, is clearly entitled to a place of honor in every compilation which touches the history of Erie county. In both the paternal and maternal lines he is a scion of old and honored families of America, with whose annals the respective names have been identified since the colonial era in our national history.

Charles S. Clarke was born in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 29th of July, 1852, and is a son of Major Robert and Martha (Talbott) Clarke, both of whom were likewise born in the capital city of the nation and both of whom were representatives of old and distinguished Maryland families. Major Robert Clarke bore the full patronymic of his honored father, Robert Clarke, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, who was a son of a valiant patriot soldier in the war of the Revolution, and who removed from his native state of Maryland to the city of Washington in an early day. Major Robert Clarke was a successful contractor in Washington up to the time of the Civil war, when he promptly manifested his inherent and personal patrotism by tendering his services in defense of the Union. In response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers he organized in Washington a company for the three months' service, and of this compnay he was commissioned captain. After the expiration of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted as a veteran, and finally he was promoted to the office of major of the First District of Columbia Volunteer Infantry, with which he saw long and arduous service and made the record of a gallant officer and loyal and valiant soldier of the Republic. In the time honored Masonic fraternity he attained to high degrees and distinguished honors, having been one of the most prominent members of the fraternity in the Union. For many years he served as treasurer of the grand lodge of the order in the District of Columbia, and in his official capacity it devolved upon him to deposit the Masonic jewels in the cornerstone of the Washington Monument, and in that of one of the wings of the national capitol. He

continued to reside in Washington until 1868, when he removed with his family to Erie, Pennsylvania, where his devoted wife died in 1888, and where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in February, 1905, at which time he had attained to the venerable age of eighty-nine years. His funeral obsequies were held in the city of Washington, under distinguished Masonic auspices. Major Clarke was a Democrat in his political allegiance, and both he and his wife held membership in the Baptist church.

Charles S. Clarke secured his earlier educational training in the public schools of the city of Washington and supplemented this by a course in Columbian College, now known as Columbian University. He began his business career in the city of Erie, where he assumed the position of bookkeeper in the dry-goods establishment of Edson & Churchill. From 1880 to 1885 he was a member of the firm of Churchill, Clarke & Company, engaged in the same line of enterprise and the business was closed out in the year last mentioned. In the same year Mr. Clarke was elected to the office of comptroller of the city of Erie, and at the expiration of his first term he was chosen as his own successor, so that he served two full terms of two years each. In 1889 he was elected mayor of the city, under the old law which limited the mayor's term to two years, and in 1890 he was practically legislated out of the office under the necessary provision of the new law. In the same year, however, he was returned to the mayoralty in the regular popular election, and he remained incumbent of this chief executive office of municipal government for the full term of three years. His administration was one that reflected distinctive credit upon him and he accomplished much for the progress of the city along normal lines of improvement and upbuilding. His regime was marked by progressive ideas and distinct business policy, so that he gained the uniform commendation of all classes of citizens.

In May, 1894, Mr. Clarke was appointed and commissioned postmaster of Erie, under the administration of President Cleveland, and of this position he remained incumbent for four years, within which he made improvements in systematizing and facilitating the service of the local office. In 1899 he became one of the interested principles in the extensive contracting firm of Constable Brothers Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer and to whose affairs he has given the major portion of his time and attention since his retirement from public office. In principle and practice he is a fundamental advocate of the cause of the Democratic party, in which he has rendered yeoman service. He is an active and valued member of the Erie Board of Trade, becoming its president in 1909, and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Country Club, and other civic and social organizations. His popularity in Erie needs no further voucher than that offered in the positions of trust to which he has been called, and it may consistently be said that no movement for the betterment of Erie along civic, commercial or moral lines, has lacked his sympathy or his active, energetic support.

In 1880 Mr. Clarke was united in marriage to Miss Alice Churchill, daughter of George T. Churchill, who is one of Erie's oldest business men and most honored citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke became the parents of one son, Lawrence N., who was born in 1881 and who died in 1903, being thus summoned to the life eternal in the very flower of his

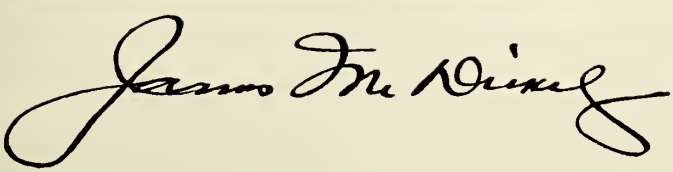
young manhood and when his noble and generous qualities of mind and heart augured for a career of signal usefulness and honor.

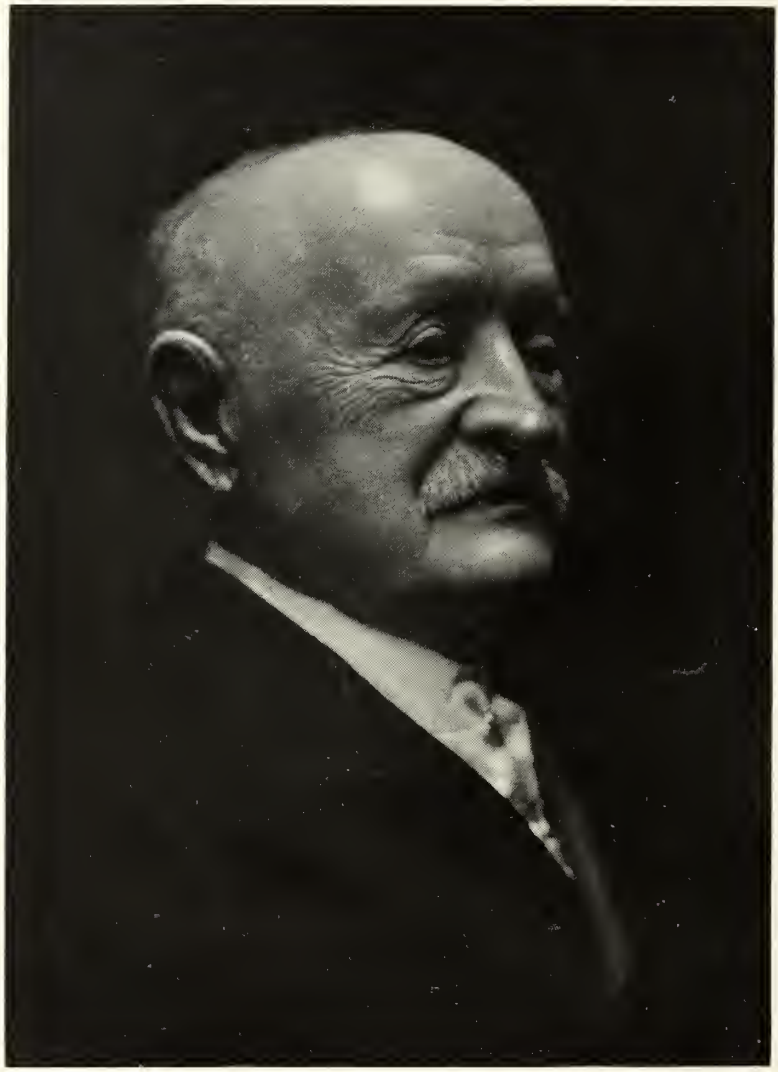
Rev. Peter M. Cauley. True religion exists in a sincere love of truth and in a hearty approbration and compliance with doctrines fundamentally good, in an inward good complexion of mind, and in the active practice of the substantial parts of religion. Such has ever been the purpose and life work of Rev. Father Peter M. Cauley, pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Erie, who is carrying on a noteworthy work in this city. A son of Peter Cauley, he was born, December 18, 1855, in Rochester, New York.

A native of Ireland, Peter Cauley came to this country in early life, locating first in New York state, where he was engaged in quarrying until 1858. Turning his attention then to agricultural pursuits, he carried on general farming in McKean county, Pennsylvania, a number of years, remaining there until 1894, when he removed with his family to Erie. He married, in Portage county, New York, Catherine McKensey, a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Terrance; Peter M., of this sketch; Winifred and Mary A., twins; Rosa; John; Joseph M.; Stephen H.; Charles L.; and Cassie.

Rev. Father P. M. Cauley acquired his elementary knowledge in the public schools of McKean county, and obtained his knowledge of philosophy and theology at St. Bonaventure's College, where he spent eight years, entering in 1879, and being graduated in 1887. Ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Erie, July 24, 1887, he afterwards served as assistant for three months each at Titusville, and at Warren. The ensuing year he was located at Oil City, doing excellent work there. Then, after spending a few weeks at Sartwell, Father Cauley was placed in charge of a mission at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, where he labored most efficiently for four and one-half years. He was subsequently employed in pastoral work for ten weeks at East Brady, but since that year, 1893, has filled his present pulpit in Erie. A man of strong convictions, and of extreme earnestness of purpose, his influence in visible in the upbuilding of his parish, which is one of importance in the community. In his labors he has as assistants his three younger brothers, Revs. Joseph M. Cauley, Stephen H. Cauley, and Charles L. Cauley, three men of intellectual force and much ability, who are most efficient aids in advancing the cause of the church.

James M. Dickey. By no means among the veteran insurance men of the country, James M. Dickey, of Erie, has nevertheless attained a prominent standing both with his associates and the public. On the sunny side of forty, he has also evinced his powers as an originator in whatever field he has exerted his influence. He was one of the organizers and the second president of the Erie Association of Life Underwriters, and is a charter member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Civic Club of Erie and the Country Club. A mere mention of such identification indicates his deep and steadfast interest in the business field of his present activity; in the commercial, municipal and other broad affairs relating to the city's progress, and in those necessary recreations and sports which keep the typical American on his best physical mettle for accomplishment. Mr. Dickey is also a member of the Erie Club and the Conewango Club of Warren, Pennsylvania, as well as identified with the local Young Men's Christian Association and the Benevolent and





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Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliations are at present with the Park Presbyterian church, to which he was admitted by letter from the Jefferson United Presbyterian church of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, with which he had long been connected.

Mr. Dickey is a native of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, born September 25, 1870, on the old family homestead in that part of the state. He is a son of David Blair and Margaret (Kennedy) Dickey and a grandson of Matthew and Elizabeth (Templeton) Dickey. His grandmother was of an old Pennsylvania family, while his grandfather was of Irish nativity, coming to the United States when sixteen and marrying when nineteen years of age. First he settled at Leatherwood, on the Allegheny river in Clarion county, this state, but later sold his property and bought a fine farm in Jefferson county, which is still considered a model country place in that portion of Pennsylvania. The last years of his active life were spent on the farm and there he died in his eightieth year. He became the father of three sons—James, William and David Blair Dickey. David B. Dickey, father of James M., was born September 5, 1837, and has always been engaged in farming on the old Dickey homestead. His wife, who died in 1880, was born at Brookville, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of William Kennedy, a leading hardware merchant of the old times who reached the advanced age of ninety-three years.

James M. Dickey, of this sketch, was reared on the old ancestral farm in Jefferson county, and was a pupil in the district school of the neighborhood in which his father, his sister and he himself served as teachers. Later, he attended the academy at Belleview and the State Normal at Clarion, teaching for several years both in Jefferson and McKean counties. In November, 1896, he became manager of the local branch of the Armour Packing Company, at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and continued in that position until 1900, which marked the active commencement of his insurance career. It was at that time that he became connected with the Pittsburg agency of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and on January 1, 1901, he was appointed inspector of agencies in the Pittsburg district. He was transferred to Erie in January, 1902, and in 1905 was appointed to the responsible position of manager of the Northwestern Pennsylvania agency, with headquarters at Erie.

Mr. Dickey's wife (nee Josephine Livingston Lacy) is connected with the faimly so famous in the political, educational and religious history of the country, representatives of which have repeatedly been sent to Congress from New York and held high positions in the national cabinet and diplomatic corps. One of its members, Philip Livingston, was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and not a few were active figures in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Dickey is a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Livingston) Lacy of Warren, Pennsylvania, and her genealogy on both sides of the family has earned her membership in the "Daughters of the American Revolution." She is the mother of Harriet Estella, Lois Livingston and Allen Lacy Dickey, and a woman of domestic, social and refined tastes.

Col. J. Ross Thompson. A man of broad mind and scholarly attainments, thoroughly versed in legal lore, Col. J. Ross Thompson of Erie holds high rank among the leading members of the Erie bar, with which he has been intimately associated for a full half century. Of

the many noted lawyers that have practiced in this locality during the past fifty years, he is one of the best known and most eminent. while his forceful arguments, his skill in solving perplexing legal problems, and his many successes, have given him a wide and merited reputation. He was born in Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1832, a son of Judge James Thompson, one of Pennsylvania's most distinguished jurists and statesmen.

A native of the Keystone state, Judge James Thompson was born, in 1805, in Butler county, and began life for himself as a printer. Subsequently turning his attention to the study of law, he was admitted to the bar, and in 1832 began his long and brilliant public career by being elected to the state legislature. He served as Representative six consecutive years, in 1834 being chosen speaker of the House. He was afterwards elected to Congress from Erie county, and served three full terms in the National House of Representatives, in Washington, D. C. In 1854 he was again elected to the Pennsylvania legislature. Three years later, in 1857. he had the honor of being chosen a judge of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. For fifteen years the judge rendered noteworthy service in that capacity, for five years of that time being chief justice of the court. Previous to his election to the supreme court he had served as circuit judge. After his election to the supreme court, Judge Thompson removed to Philadelphia, and in that beautiful city spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1873.

After his graduation from the Erie Academy, J. Ross Thompson entered Princeton University. from which he was graduated with the class of 1854. Immediately after leaving college he began the study of law, and since his admission to the Erie bar, in 1856, has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in this city. His wide legal knowledge, keenness of comprehension, unflagging perseverance, and aptitude for clear incisive statement, have contributed to his professional success, and have won for him a foremost position among the members of the bar. In 1859 Mr. Thompson was admitted to the bar of the supreme court, and in 1860 to that of the United States courts. During the latter-named year he became attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and has held the same ever since, and since 1871 has held a similar position for the Pennsylvania Company.

During the administration of Governor Packer, Mr. Thompson served as his aide-de-camp, with the military rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was subsequently commissioned colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia, and in that capacity performed the duties devolving upon him with ease and dignity. For many years Col. Thompson has been active and prominent in the Democratic ranks, and in 1876 was a delegate to the National Convention in which Samuel J. Tilden was nominated for the presidency; and four years later, in 1880, he was a Democratic nominee for presidential elector and in 1887 Democratic candidate for the supreme bench. In 1888 the candidacy was again at his disposal but he declined to enter the race. His brother, Samuel Gustine Thompson was a member of the supreme court of Pennsylvania for two terms by appointment of the governor.

Colonel Thompson married in 1858, Josephine Mayer, daughter of the late M. Mayer, of Erie. She died in 1877, leaving seven children. One of these children, W. L. Scott Thompson, has inherited in no small degree the legal talent and ability of his father and grandfather, and is

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now actively engaged in the practice of law in Erie, being junior member of the firm of J. Ross Thompson & Son.

URIAH D. SWEIGARD. Generally speaking a leader in the building trades and master of the metal workers, Uriah D. Sweigard is specially identified with the Erie field as proprietor of one of the largest and most complete roofing and cornice works in the county. In every way he is also one of its best known citizens. He is a native of Halifax, Dauphir county, Pennsylvania, born on November 27, 1858, the son of David B. and Emeline Catherine (Rouch) Sweigard, both natives of that locality. The father was born in 1833 and died in September, 1866, and the mother who was born in 1836, passed away in the December following her husband's decease. They were the parents of the following five children: Susan Catherine, who married H. W. Sweitzer and resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Uriah D., of this sketch; Ida Isadora, who married D. A. Lowe, the well known Peach street photographer of Erie; Ellen Linda, who is now Mrs. I. H. Foster, and resides in Erie; and Sherman L., also of that place.

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The Sweigard family is an old one in Pennsylvania, the original ancestors having come over from Germany many, many generations ago, settling in Daphin county. The parents of Mr. Sweigard, were members of the United Brethren church. After their death for about seven years, Uriah D., made his home with an uncle who was a farmer in Dauphin county, near Harrisburg. The youth next spent about three years working on different farms, obtaining from three to four months attendance at the district school during the winter months. At the age of seventeen years, he began an apprenticeship at the tinsmith's trade in Halifax, serving four years. In the spring of 1880, he went to Pittsburg, where he worked at his trade the first year for T. W. Irwin, and the succeeding six years for Rasner and Dinger. He next became foreman of the tin department of the Union Switch and Signal Works of Pittsburg for one year; was then foreman two years for S. Keighley and Company, and held the same position a year for John T. Bealor and Company. In 1891, he went into business for himself, establishing a shop in Allegheny City, and in the spring of the following year, located at Erie and became a partner in the Flickinger Cornice and Roofing Company, also taking charge of the business as superintendent. In January, 1898, Mr. Sweigard was elected secretary and treasurer of the company and in January, 1901, became, by purchase, the sole proprietor of the business. The plant is at No. 424 West Nineteenth street, and covers an area of 40 by 120 feet, employing an average of eight men. The establishment turns out a general line of sheet metal and slate roofing, galvanized and copper cornices, skylights and metal ceilings—mostly contract work. Mr. Sweigard has handled, among others, such contracts as those connected with St. Joseph's school, St. Michael's and St. Ann's churches, St. John's church and school, the Public Library, No. 2 public school and numerous business blocks and residences. He is also president of the Automatic Dumb Waiter Refrigerator Company, which was organized and incorporated June 13, 1906. He is also a charter member of the Erie Builders' Exchange, having served as its secretary from its organization, and is secretary of the Master Sheet Metal Workers Association. He is further, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Erie Business Men's Association and of the South Erie Improvement Association. Mr. Sweigard has been a fraternal leader in Odd Fellowship for many years, being a mem-

ber of Lake Shore Lodge No. 718, and a past noble grand of Pittsburg Lodge No. 336. He joined the order at Halifax in May, 1879; was transferred to Pittsburg lodge in 1884, and demitted to Lake Shore lodge in 1894.

Mr. Sweigard's wife was Sadie Ann Sockett, of Pittsburg, born in England and daughter of John Sockett. She is a member of Chestnut Street Presbyterian church, and a popular and highly respected lady. The pleasant family home is at No. 355 West Twenty-first street, the attractive residence having been erected in 1896.

Dr. Francis Anton Goeltz has been practicing medicine in Erie for the past eight years, or since 1901. He is one of the younger representatives of the profession, whose youth has not been detrimental to his progress, for in the comparatively brief period he has been rendering medical services in this city he has gained an enviable reputation as a physician, while his skill as a practitioner summons him to attend an extensive patronage. Both as a physician and surgeon he has rapidly risen in the estimation of the community, courts the esteem of his fellow practitioners and deserves honorable mention among the leading members of the medical fraternity of the city.

Born in New York City, December 13, 1876, Dr. Goeltz was the son of Francis Anton and Alvina (Steinsieck) Goeltz. The father was of a German family who left the fatherland and located in Vienna, Austria, where for several generations its members were prominent jewelers. It was there his birth occurred June 19, 1847, and he was but a boy when he accompanied his parents to the United States in 1856. They settled in New York City, where his father, who also bore the given name, Francis Anton, and who had been a jeweler in the old country, remained for a time but spent his later years on his farm in Huntington, Long Island. The son, however, established his home in New York City, where he learned the jewelry business and in 1873 engaged in the enterprise for himself, conducting operations at No. 377 Third avenue. At that location he continued until the fall of 1906, when he retired from commercial activities. His death occurred July 13, 1907, while his wife had departed this life in 1889. She was a native of Long Island, born in 1851 and a daughter of Charles and Marie (Schlingheid) Steinsieck, both of whom were natives of Germany.

In New York City Dr. Goeltz was reared, acquiring the rudiments of learning in the public schools. Following the bent of the family and that which had commanded the skill and attention of his ancestors for many generations, he then associated himself with the jewelry business, entering a wholesale establishment as an office boy. Strict application to duty soon won him advancement and he was given a clerkship, continuing in the employ of the house for three years. After that period of service he severed his connections with the firm and, in fact, with the commercial world and became a pupil at a preparatory school, in preparation for entering the profession he now follows. Then, having completed his studies at that institution, he was matriculated in the medical department of the University of New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. Immediately after graduation his career as a physician began and from 1898 until July 1, 1900, he served on the resident staff of the J. Hood Wright Memorial Hospital of his native city. His incumbency there was in every sense satisfactory, greatly adding to his experience and enabling him to put into practice his knowl-

edge of materia medica and surgery, thereby enhancing his self-reliance and strengthening his confidence as a practitioner. Upon leaving the hospital he was appointed instructor in histology in the medical department of New York University and assistant physician of the college dispensary, which appointment evidences a high appreciation of his talents as a student of medicine. Arriving in this city February 1, 1901, well qualified to conduct a private practice, he established an office at No. 210 West Eighth street, where he remained until 1902 when he removed to his present quarters at No 205 on the same thoroughfare. The doctor is a profound student in all branches pertaining to his profession, careful and accurate in the practice of surgery and his kindly and cheerful disposition, reinforcing the virtues of his remedies, makes him a welcome visitor to the sick room. In addition to caring for a large private practice he also serves as attending surgeon of Hamot Hospital, of this city, to which post he was appointed on July 1, 1901, his long continuous period in this position indicating his high reputation as a physician.

On September 17, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Goeltz to Miss Frances Lelia Boydell, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, and the couple have two children: Francis Boydell and Henrietta May. The doctor keeps in close touch with the progressive thought of his profession and is affiliated with a number of organizations which are specifically designed for the consideration of the various phases of materia medica and surgery. He belongs to the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Northwestern Medical Society and the American Medical Association; while he finds gratification for his social propensities as a member of the Country Club.

JOHN S. SCHEER, alderman and well known citizen of Erie, was born at the old land light house, east of the city, on November 25, 1859. He is a son of the late John A. and Catherine (Kent) Scheer, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1844. They were married in St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Erie, and in 1901, celebrated the golden anniversary of their union in that church. John A. Scheer, was a contractor, and accomplished much public work in that line. He and his wife died in 1902, within about three months of each other.

John S. Scheer was reared in Erie and was educated in various public and parochial schools of the city. In 1876, he worked for a firm in the Centennial Exposition grounds at Philadelphia. Later, he entered the service of the Union News Company, operating on different railroad lines, and finally becoming superintendent of the business at Cleveland. Three years later, he was promoted to the superintendency of the entire southern division of the company, with headquarters at Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1891 he returned to Erie and engaged in business in State street. Mr. Scheer's term as alderman commenced in 1906, and his service in that capacity has been thoroughly appreciated. He is also widely known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Knights of Maccabees, Woodmen of the World, Eagles, and Order of the Moose, as well as of the Press Club and East Erie Turner Society. His religious connections are with St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. Mr. Scheer's wife was formerly Florence E., daughter of George and Florence (Beutz) Ritchie, of Cleveland, Ohio.

BENJAMIN J. COATES is superintendent of the City Waterworks Pumping Station, whose services in that capacity are all that can be de-

sired, his ingenuity as a mechanic being on par with any who work along the line of his vocation and, having throughout his entire life been a resident of Erie, he is well known, not only for his mechanical skill and unsurpassed services in the position he now holds, but also for his excellent traits and qualities of character, which give him high standing as a worthy citizen of this city.

The Coates family were numbered among the pioneers of this part of the state, having located in Erie in the fall of 1832, members of the family at that date having come from the village of Eckols, Yorkshire, England. Upon the arrival of the ancestors in this country the constituent was made up of the maternal grandparents, Joseph and Mary (Holmes) Burnley, Benjamin Coates and his wife, Elizabeth, the parents of the subject of his review, John and Grace Coates, a brother and sister, two cousins, Joseph Hardacker and Joseph Burnley, who were orphans reared by Grandfather Burnley, and the Waddingtons, the wife of one of whom was an aunt of Benjamin J. Coates. In all the party that came from England to this country was composed of twenty-one souls. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary Coates, remained in their native land, where they departed this life. Two of their sons, who have since passed away, also remained in England, while two daughters came to the new world sometime after the above mentioned party. Of these Martha married John Thornton of Fairview, Erie county, while Anna married his brother, Thomas Thornton, of Girard, this county. All of the above mentioned have since entered into rest with the exception of Benjamin J. Coates, of this review, who is the only surviving member of his family. Joseph Burnley, the maternal grandfather, upon his arrival in the new world, first settled in Mill Creek township, near this city, where his wife responded to the summons of death in 1848. Two years later, in 1850, he removed to Newcastle, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his demise.

Benjamin Coates Sr., was born in 1805 and for eighteen years was foreman for Vincent, Himrod & Company, founders and machinists, being considered a skilled and expert mechanic, whose death occurred in 1855, while his wife whose birth occurred one year later than that of her husband, in 1806, passed away in 1889, thus surviving her last companion by upwards of thirty-four years. They were the parents of five children, namely: John, whose birth occurred in the old country in 1829 and his death in this city in 1900, whose first wife was Charlott Sennett, after whose death he married Lucinda Weigel, by whom he had the following children: Clara, who wedded Charles W. Geibel, who is engaged in the plumbing business; Gertrude, the wife of Pierce Flinn, of this city; Howard J., who resides here; Florence, the wife of Walter Bull, a resident of this place; and Adella, who is at home with her mother. The other children of the elder Mr. Coates are: Grace, whose birth occurred on the other side of the sea in 1832 and whom death called in this city September 10, 1850; Samuel, born here in 1835 and who died in 1895; Edward, whose birth occurred here in 1837 and his death in 1873; and Benjamin J.

In the Bay city Benjamin J. Coates was born October 6, 1842, and here he acquired his education in the public schools, completing his studies at the age of fifteen years when, desirous of taking part in the activities of life, his natural faculties leaning toward mechanical work, he became apprenticed as a machinist with his brother John, with whom he became proficient as a tradesman. About six years after entering upon this ven-

ture, being then a skilled journeyman, he became employed with the Bay State Iron Works, with which he remained for a brief period, when he became engaged by the Erie City Iron Works, in whose employ he worked for two years, at the termination of which period he returned to the Bay State Iron Works, where he plied his craft as a journeyman for ten years. His ingenuity as a mechanic being noted and his excellent class of workmanship observed, he soon proved himself to be worthy of a higher station in the establishment of his employers and he was promoted to the position of foreman and later to the responsible position of superintendent, serving in the latter capacity until 1897, during which year he resigned his position and accepted a place at the City Pumping Station as a machinist. There he served with eminent proficiency and, being adjudged as the best man for the general duties of that department of the city, in October, 1904, he was made superintendent, the duties of which responsible post he is now performing.

The marriage of Mr. Coates to Rosanna Weigel, born in this county, January 20, 1847, was celebrated on December 8, 1868. She is a daughter of Joel Weigel and to this union the following children have been born: Charles B., who was married to Eva Gould of this city, the couple residing at Wilmette, Illinois, fourteen miles from Chicago, where he is an electrical engineer for the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company; Alice R., who taught in the Erie high school for four years and then wedded Frederick A. Mott, of Syracuse, New York, the couple now residing in Rochester, that state, and Mr. Mott is an electrical engineer in the employ of Wheeler Green Electric Company, of that city; Bertha E., a teacher of English in the Erie high school; and Eva C., the wife of Rev. Roy George Catlin, a Lutheran minister stationed at Decatur, Illinois. Rev. and Mrs. Catlin were both residents of this city until their marriage August 26, 1907.

The Republican party has always commanded the support of Mr. Coates, by reason of the fact that, having given due consideration to its principles in comparison with those of other political cults, he deems the product of the wisest statesmenship, in every particular best suited to subserve the utmost interests of the commonwealth and consequently his fealty has always been strong in the advocacy of the principles of his favorite party and its candidates. He belongs to Lakeshore Lodge, No. 718, I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member of thirty years, having efficiently served in the entire round of chairs, and the Henniossis Adelphon Encampment, No. 42, I. O. O. F., having also performed the duties of its offices. Moreover he is a member of Erie Lodge No. 327, Knights of Pythias and, an honorary member of Local No. 7, N. A. S. E., while at the same time being dutiful to his religious obligations, both he and the members of his family attend divine services at the Central Presbyterian church. Mr. Coates is one of the best known citizens of Erie, whose present position is indicative of his success in life and he justly deserves a place in a volume of this kind and mention as a deserving and highly respected citizen.

John W. Schmelter, M. D. Among the medical practitioners of Erie who are sharing the honors of the profession, by reason of their excellent services and success in restoring health, is Dr. John W. Schmelter. He is one of the most popular physicians of the city and, although he has spent his entire life in this country, his medical career is embraced

within the past nine years and he now attends to a large private practice, his office being at No. 813 Sassafras street. However, within that period his skill and ability as a practitioner has brought him prominently before the public and for four years he served as coroner of Erie county. Being thoroughly familiar with every phase of his profession, profound in his knowledge of materia medica, accurate in surgical operations and careful in his diagnosis, he has met with a full measure of success in the treatment of cases and stands high in the ranks of the medical fraternity of the city.

Fairview township, this county, was the birthplace of Dr. Schmelter and there he entered this life on October 30, 1867, as a child of John and Mary (Knodel) Schmelter, the father having been born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1820 and the mother in Summit township, this county, in 1834. It was in 1851 that the elder Mr. Schmelter left his home and kinfolk and crossed the Atlantic to the new world, being the only one of his family to sever relations with the fatherland. Immediately upon his arrival in the United States he came to Erie where, for a period, he worked on the old Sunbury Railroad, now known as the Lakeshore Railroad. Finally he gave up railroad work and became employed as a farm hand in McKean township. In the meantime by modest living and practical economy, a life characteristic of the sons of the fatherland, he accumulated considerable means and bought a farm in Fairview township, where he pursued agriculture until September 26, 1895, when he met death by being run down by a railroad train at Avonia. His wife entered into rest in 1899. In their family were six children: Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of John Grappy; George, a resident of Mill Creek township; Henry F., who lives in Erie; Albert M., a resident of Mill Creek township; Dr. John W.; and Charles E., a member of the Erie police force.

On the home farm Dr. John W. Schmelter was reared, part of the year finding him busily engaged in the fields, plowing, planting or harvesting, while in the short winter months, during his boyhood days, he availed himself of the educational advantages of the country schools. He was also afforded the privilege of a business-college course. Until he was twenty-three years of age he followed agricultural pursuits but, at that period of his life, he left the farm, being ambitious for larger opportunities and accepted a clerkship in a retail grocery store in this city. The duties of this position he faithfully performed for four years and, since it has been his ardent ambition to become a member of the medical profession, in 1896 he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. E. Silliman. His natural bent being in that direction, he advanced rapidly, at the same time acquiring both theoretical and practical knowledge and prepared himself for matriculation in the Ohio Medical University, at Columbus. In that institution he successfully completed the course of study and was graduated with the class of 1900. He then opened an office at No. 18 East Eighth street, in this city, where he practiced until 1892, when he changed his office to his present location at No. 813 Sassafras street.

Shortly after beginning the practice of medicine, or in 1902, the doctor was elected to the office of county coroner, in which he officiated during the specified term of three years and also an additional year, owing to the demise of his successor. On January 5, 1909, the doctor was appointed poor physician over the West side, the duties of which office he is now performing. He is of a highly intellectual turn of mind,

directing his study chiefly in those branches of study pertaining to his profession and his profound investigations have yielded him such knowledge as enables him to meet all emergencies and successfully cope with constantly recurring perplexities.

Dr. Schmelter was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Davison, a daughter of the late William Davison, of Harbor Creek, this county, and the couple are enjoying the happiness of a refined home. Politically he is a Republican, being a stanch and able supporter of the principles of the party. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Golden Eagles, in both of which organizations he has many friends, while he is widely known both for his social qualities and professional worth.

Isaac Wolf, a retired agriculturist of Erie county, who is now living in the enjoyment of well earned rest in his own residence at No. 242 West Twenty-first street, is a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in the village of New Holland, on March 17, 1828. However, from early boyhood he has been a resident of Erie county, where as soon as he was vigorous enough to engage in agricultural duties worked upon his father's farm and carried on the pursuit of husbandry until the year 1900, when he withdrew from the activities of life to enjoy somewhat of the fruits of his energies extended through many years. During his career in this county he has witnessed many changes, has seen the approach of civilization, marked the transformation of woodlands into fertile fields, of fertile fields into villages and, with respect to the city of Erie, he has witnessed its growth from a mere hamlet to its present large and prosperous proportions. There are few men of his day now living, who can converse with him upon the scenes and experiences of those early days and it is with delight that he reverts to the past, remembering the times when the surrounding region, which now bears every mark of civilization, was then in a primitive condition without any apparent promise or prospect. Mr. Wolf is widely known as a venerable gentleman, his life always having been such as to command the respect of all with whom he came in contact and today, in his declining years, as a resident of the thriving Bay city, perhaps there is no man who is better known or more highly esteemed.

Mr. Wolf's parents were Jacob and Catherine (Platt) Wolf, while his grandfather was Henry Wolf, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who came to Erie county, in 1820, where he purchased four hundred acres of land in Mill Creek township, his property being located about three miles south of the city of Erie. There he settled and, needless to say, at that time the region was a thick forest unlike its appearance today when it is a succession of fertile fields as far as the eye can see. However, being of the sturdy pioneer type, he was undaunted in the presence of difficulties and obstacles, being only too willing to have a promising prospect toward which to bend his energies and soon the forest was hewn out and in course of time the once undeveloped land yielded for him bountiful harvests. On that farm he spent his entire life, passing away about the year 1842. His wife entered into rest in Lancaster county prior to his location in this county. The maternal grandparents were natives of Ireland, who came to America at an early day. The parents of Mr. Wolf, both of whom were born about the year 1802, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, were there united in marriage, removing to Erie county about the year 1838, locating on the tract of

land settled by his grandfather. The estate was large and the elder Mr. Wolf took up one hundred acres and this he cultivated until he departed this life in 1872, his wife entering into rest in 1884. In his family were the following children: Elem and Isaac. Elem, whose birth occurred in 1830 and who died in 1870 wedded Leah Heidler, the daughter of Curtis Heidler, a pioneer of Fairview township, this county. They left the following children: Cassie, the wife of Christopher Rilling, residing in Girard; Tillie, the wife of George Wagner, residents of Summit township, this county; Jacob, who married Mary Heintz and resides in Sterrettania; Ida, who became the wife of Lee Milliner, the couple living at Twenty-second and Reed streets, this city; Annie, the wife of George Stark, also residing here; Levi, who married Mary Meyers; Etta, who was twice married, first to Lester Saunders, after whose death she wedded George Jackson; Frank, married and lives at Union City; and Elem, who departed this life in his nineteenth year.

The other member of the family, Isaac Wolf, reared to farm life, passed through the usual experiences common to the country lad during his boyhood days and at that time the city of Erie and environs were far different than they are today, the entire region being constituted of vast stretches of woodlands while the present site of the Bay city itself was little more than a village with but few houses. The farm upon which he was reared was in Mill Creek township and there during the summer months he toiled in the pursuit of agriculture, plowing, planting and reaping in due season, while during the winter months he took advantage of the educational privileges afforded by the district school. The schoolhouse in his day was a log-cabin, which stood where his present farmhouse now stands and, while seated on a peg-leg bench, he acquired the rudiments of learning which, although not comprehensive, served him well throughout his later business experiences. After he finished his schooling he remained upon the home farm and upon the death of his father he inherited one hundred acres of the original four hundred acre tract and to this, through the fruits of his industry and energy, he added one hundred and eighty acres so that his farm was very extensive and one of the finest in the township. In the pursuit of agriculture he continued, at the same time paying some attention to stock raising until 1900, when he retired from active life and took up his abode in the city of Erie, although at the same time he still owns his farm and supervises its management.

Mr. Wolf was united in marriage to Fannie L. Heidler, the daughter of Curtis Heidler Sr., a pioneer of Erie county. Her birth occurred March 28, 1832, and she is the mother of the following children: Curtis N., born August 5, 1850, married Ella Carr and they now reside in Springfield, South Dakota, their family consisting of one son, Robert, and two daughters, May and Esther. The father went west in 1877, sojourning in Kansas and Nebraska, previous to his location in South Dakota. Saphronia M., born March 28, 1853, married John B. Burton, and departed this life May 1, 1892, her husband surviving until November 24, 1895, leaving two children: Hattie J., born in 1874 and died February 13, 1890; and Edith L., born in 1880 and passing away May 9, 1898. John C. born March 10, 1855, was twice united in marriage, his first union being with Lillian Church, who died November 13, 1883, leaving one child, Lillian, born November 2, 1883. His second wife was Jeanette Arbuckle, the wedding being celebrated October 25, 1888, to whom were born two children: Richard, born in 1890; and John S., who passed away August 5, 1899. Charles A., born January 19, 1857, was educated in the

common schools, supplementing his preliminary training by a commercial course, at Clarks College and, being prominent in the locality in which he resides, has held the offices of register and treasurer of Mill Creek township. Hattie J., born March 12, 1859, married Frank B. Foot, the couple residing in this city, and to them were born two children, Maude M. and Marshall. Seth H. who was born December 10, 1864, wedded Anna Miller and to this union were born two children, Harold Isaac and Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf have led a wonderfully active life, having been reared amid the primitive conditions and surroundings of this county, which required stern and insistent application in order to make an inroad into the forests and thereby make the region habitable and to him, as to other pioneers, is due the credit for laying the foundation for the present development of the city of Erie and environs. He has always been deeply interested in the welfare of the community in which he lived and while actively engaged on his farm in Mill Creek township was honored with every political office within the gift of his fellow townsmen. The family are members of the Lutheran church, in which during his early days he was an active worker and, having always endeavored to live in obedience to the teachings of his faith, he may now, as he has progressed on the journey of life beyond the eightieth milestone, look forward to a still happier one when, in answer to the promise of the faith he has long followed, he shall have been graced with the earnest of his hope of a blissful immortality.

Charles A. Curtze. The business career of the late Charles August Curtze was significantly characterized by courage, confidence, progressiveness and impregnable integrity of purpose. He long held precedence as one of the representative citizens and influential business men of his native city of Erie, and he contributed much to the civic and commercial advancement of the city. He was signally loyal and public-spirited as a citizen, was a member of one of the old and honored families of Erie county, and his life counted for good in all its relations.

Charles August Curtze, who was a scion of that stanch German stock which has played so important a part in the upbuilding of the old Keystone state, was born in the city of Erie, on the 6th of April, 1849, and was a son of Frederick and Mary A. (Beckman) Curtze, both natives of Germany, where they passed their entire lives and where the father was long identified with the business interests of Erie county. Charles A. Curtze attended the public schools of Erie until he had attained to the age of fifteen years, when he identified himself with farming interests in this vicinity. Three years later, however, he returned to Erie and assumed a position in the employ of the firm of Johnston & Brevillier, wholesale dealers in groceries. Within a period of six months he was advanced to the position of traveling salesman for the concern, and he was thus engaged in successful work throughout his assigned trade territory for a period of more than ten years. In 1875, however, he had formed a partnership alliance with John W. Swalley and engaged in the manufacturing of soap, under the firm name of Swalley & Curtze. With this enterprise he was identified for one year, while still acting as traveling representative for the firm previously mentioned. In 1878 he associated himself with Mr. Rice in the wholesale grocery business in Erie, under the firm title of Curtze & Rice. The enterprise was thus continued until 1883, when he purchased the interest of his partner, after which he remained

sole proprietor of the business until his death. He was a man of much initiative power and distinctive administrative ability, and he so directed the affairs of his business as to make its success constantly cumulative. The enterprise expanded in scope and importance from year to year and under his able management assumed precedence as one of the leading wholesale concerns of this section of the state. The trade territory was expanded through the excellent service and fair dealing accorded and the house has long controlled a large and substantial business throughout the region tributary to the city of Erie as a commercial supply center. In the same year that the business was founded a spice mill was added to the plant, and from that time forward a specialty was made of handling spices and coffees. The general grocery department has been kept up to the highest standard, and its facilities remain to-day unexcelled by those of any other house of the kind in Erie. In the fire which destroyed the Mayer block, September 28, 1908, the entire stock of the Curtze wholesale grocery was likewise wiped out by the flames, but within the same week temporary quarters were secured at the corner of Twelfth and French streets, where the business was resumed with but slight interruption. The fine quarters of the concern are now located at Twelfth and Sassafrass streets. Since the death of Mr. Curtze the business has been continued by the estate and his policies are being carried out under effective management, so that the reputation of the house still continues as a tribute to his business sagacity and integrity.

In all that tended to conserve the progress and material and civic prosperity of his native city Mr. Curtze maintained a deep and loyal interest, and this interest was one of definite helpfulness and co-operation. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, but he was essentially a business man and had no desire for office or for the turmoil of the political arena. He was an appreciative and valued member of the Erie Board of Trade, of which he served one term as president. His administration was signally progressive and did much to further the commercial interests of the city. He was affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity and was an active and zealous member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, to the various departments of whose work he was a liberal contributor. Mr. Curtze was summoned to the life eternal on the 1st of October, 1901, and in his death Erie suffered the loss of one of its most honored citizens and most valued business men. He commanded at all times the unqualified confidence and esteem of the community in which his entire life was passed, and thus set at naught any application of the scriptural aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." In personality he was not demonstrative but he was ever courteous and kindly, tolerant in his judgment and altruistic in his viewpoint. He won and retained inviolable friendships and his life record is one that offers both lesson and incentive.

On the 3d of July, 1879,was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Curtze to Miss Amanda Emma Jarecki, daughter of the late August Jarecki, who was one of the important jewelers of Erie and representing the most important industrial enterprise in Erie of its kind and who was one of the honored and influential citizens of this city. Mrs. Curtze died on the 22d of January, 1890, and of the four children three are living: Julia is the wife of Dr. R. A. Kern, of Erie; Arthur and Edwin are associated in the management of the wholesale business so long conducted by their honored father; and Adelheidt Caroline died at the age of eleven months. On the 25th of May, 1893, Mr. Curtze contracted

a second marriage, being then united to Miss Antonie Jarecki, a sister of his first wife. Mrs. Curtze survives her husband and resides in the attractive family homestead, where she dispenses a gracious hospitality to a wide circle of friends. She is a devoted member of Christ church and has long been prominent in the representative social affairs of Erie.

John Daniel William Swendsen. Among the prominent commercial factors of Erie engaged in the hat manufacturing business is John Daniel William Swendsen, who owns the distinction of being the only Danish tradesman in this city. As a practical hatter he thoroughly understands every detail and particular of the industry and, as to the class of goods he turns out, he stands on a par with any in the same undertaking in this part of the state. His business standing, from every point of view, is unassailable and it has been on the strength of his own merits that, from year to year, he has so augmented his trade that he today conducts one of the leading enterprises in the Bay city. A native of Copenhagen, Denmark, he was born January 8, 1877, a son of Carl William and Josephine (Carlson) Swendsen. The father, also a native of that city, was born in 1837 and he applied himself to general contracting and building lines until he departed this life in 1889, while the mother, who was a native of Smoland, Sweden, now resides with her son of this review.

It was in 1889, when in his twelfth year, that John Daniel William Swendsen came to the United States and went to work for his brother, Rudolph, who was engaged in the manufacture of hats in this city. It was not without being hampered that he engaged in the business circles of this country, by reason of the fact that he was unfamiliar with the English language, which obviously constituted a considerable impediment to his progress. However, he continued in the employ of his brother, with whom he completed his trade as a hatter, in the meantime acquiring conversant intelligence of the English tongue. In 1893 he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he opened up an establishment for himself on Lincoln avenue and for a period of two years manufactured hats of all kinds. He met with wonderful success, inasmuch as he produces a high class quality of goods which won him a wide reputation, his product finding ready sale in the market. At the expiration of that period returning to this city, he opened a hat manufactory at No. 1313 State street, of which he was proprietor for a brief period when he disposed of the business and repaired to Cleveland, Ohio. In that place he established a hat manufactory and on a very large scale continued to turn out all kinds of that commodity, remaining proprietor of the establishment for about four years, when he sold out his interests and again took up his abode in Erie. Here he founded his present business at No. 1215 State street, where he engages in the manufacture of his own brands of goods, including silk, soft and stiff hats and of all descriptions. Through constant application to his trade he has gradually built up an extensive and prosperous enterprise and, as proprietor of the establishment, he now conducts, he is one of the most successful and reliable business men of the city, whose extensive business interests have enabled him to accumulate considerable valuable property. Aside from owning the site upon which he conducts his enterprise he also owns his elegant residence on West Ninth street, the edifice costing in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars. It has been through the straightforward business methods which he has observed, reinforced by hard work and incessant

application, which have enabled Mr. Swendsen to attain to his present position of prominence in the commercial life of the city and here he is not only numbered among the successful business men but is also highly esteemed and respected for his social qualities and as a representative citizen.

On the 24th of April, 1901, Mr. Swendsen wedded Miss Nina E. Ward, who was born on Kelley's Island, Ohio, and was a daughter of Bert Ward. To this union have been born two children: Ward William and Laura Belle Ruth. Master Ward from childhood has been noted for his brilliancy and when but three years of age was awarded three amateur money prizes at various theatres in the city while at the age of four years he sang at the Princes Theater for a salary of thirty dollars per week. In 1908 he won the third prize, amounting to eighty-five dollars, in the Erie *Times* baby contest.

Mr. Swendsen is well known throughout fraternal organizations, his relations being with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is also a member of the encampment, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. His business conduct has always been such as to give him high standing in the commercial circles of the city, while socially he is highly respected and as a man of means is a prominent factor in Erie's industrial life.

Hon. William Ayers Galbraith. The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Pennsylvania Judge Galbraith was spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes and so far reaching and beneficial in its effects that it has become an integral part of the history of Erie and also left an impress upon the annals of the state. A native of Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania, William Ayers Galbraith was born May 29, 1823, and came of a family honored and conspicuous in the early history of the nation and particularly in the state of Pennsylvania. Of this family no less than four members served on the bench. The father of Judge Galbraith was the late Judge John Galbraith who, in 1837, came with his family to Erie county.

The son, Judge William Ayers Galbraith acquired his literary education in Allegheny College and at the old Erie Academy. Whether inherited tendency, natural predilection or environment had most to do with his choice of a profession it is impossible to determine, but at all events the choice was a wise one for in the practice of law he gained distinction and honor, his record reflecting credit upon the judicial history of the state. He read law under the direction of his father and was admitted to the bar in 1844 on the twenty-first anniversary of his birth. In September of that year he became a student in the Dane Law School, a department of Harvard University, and was graduated from that institution as a member of the class of 1845.

Returning to Erie Mr. Galbraith entered upon the active practice of his profession in partnership with his brother-in-law, William S. Lane, and in 1846 he was appointed deputy attorney-general, which position he filled through appointment of the attorney-general of Pennsylvania until 1850. Re-entering the general practice of law his clientage became so extensive that it overtaxed his strength and on the advice of

his physician he temporarily abandoned his law work. About that time he became interested with General Herman Haupt in the building of the Hoosac tunnel and gave to that historic and gigantic enterprise the major part of his attention for a period of two years. Returning to Erie he was appointed attorney for the Sunbury & Erie Railroad, a division of what is now the Pennsylvania & Erie system. In business as well as in professional relations he displayed marked ability and that enterprise which is always a factor in the success of any undertaking. His analytical mind enabled him to clearly judge of the possibilities of every business situation while his energy constituted a factor in co-ordinating forces and bringing them into a harmonious and unified whole. Thus the various business undertakings with which he became connected were carried forward to successful completion and his co-operation was therefore eagerly sought. He not only became one of the directors of the Sunbury & Erie Railroad but was also a director of the Cleveland & Erie, now the Lake Shore Railroad. He contributed freely from his ample means to the development of Erie's industrial resources, becoming one of the heavy investors in the Erie Car Works, the Erie Car Wheel Works and the Burdett Organ Company. He was also one of the incorporators of the Erie Dime Savings & Loan Company and was its president at the time of his death. He likewise made large investments in real estate, particularly in Chicago where, among other properties held by him at the time of his death was the so called "Galbraith Building" at the corner of Madison and Franklin streets. His judgment was seldom if ever at fault and while his interests were extensive he displayed none of the erratic movements of the speculator, for his judgment was at all times tempered by a safe conservatism that made his efforts at all times productive of substantial results.

While his business affairs made heavy demands upon his time, Judge Galbraith, by reason of the resourcefulness of his nature and his unlimited energy, became an active and effective force in matters of citizenship. He was recognized as one of the prominent leaders of the Democratic party in this section of the state and was a delegate to the Democratic national convention at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1860 and at Chicago in 1864. In the spring of 1861 he was nominated as a union candidate for the state senate and such was his personal popularity that he received strong support and failed but little of election. In 1876 he was nominated by the independent voters of Erie county for president judge and was chosen for a full term of ten years. His course upon the bench was such as reflected the highest credit and honor upon the people of the county. He was clear in his exposition of the law and few of his rulings were reversed by the higher courts. He possessed a well balanced intellect, was thoroughly familiar with the science of jurisprudence, and possessed moreover an analytical mind and a self control that enabled him to lose his individuality, personal feelings and prejudice in the dignity, impartiality and equity of the office to which life, property, right and liberty must look for protection. While Judge Galbraith was long an ardent and zealous advocate of the Democracy, he left the party in 1896 upon the adoption of the money plank in its platform of that year, being opposed to the unlimited coinage of silver and the ratio of sixteen to one. He took an active part in the campaign in favor of the gold standard of the Democratic party, delivering many strong campaign addresses and rendering valuable aid to the cause which he espoused. After leaving the bench he resumed the practice of law in

Erie in partnership with his two sons, Davenport and John W. continuing an active member of the bar until his death which occurred January 3, 1898.

Judge Galbraith left a widow and his two sons who had been his law partners. On the 25th of May, 1846, he had wedded Miss Fanny Davenport, a daughter of the late Captain William Davenport and a sister of the Hon. S. A. Davenport of Erie. Her birth occurred December 11, 1826. Of the two sons, both became active members of the bar and the younger, Davenport, is now vice president of the Erie Trust Company. The home life of Judge Galbraith was largely ideal for his devotion to the welfare of wife and children led him to put forth a most earnest effort to promote their interests and happiness. He possessed moreover a spirit of broad humanitarianism that was manifest in many tangible ways. At a time when colored children were not admitted to the public schools he rented a room, employed a teacher and paid all the expenses for a school that the negro children of the city might be educated. He also established the first night school in Erie for white pupils and provided the money for its support until the board of education took it over with his consent. He contributed liberally to other charities in this city and was ever active in support of the Central Presbyterian church. He lives in the memory of his friends enshrined in a halo of a gracious presence and a name which in all of his varied relations, was never sullied by any dishonorable act. At all times he held to high ideals of manhood and of citizenship and was honored and respected wherever known.

Charles Fredrick Loesel is president of the Bay City Forge Company, and engaged in sheet and metal work at No. 211 East Eighteenth street, this city. He is a representative type of the energetic and enterprising business man of Erie who, through years of stern and unwearied application to the various phases of commercial life, has established an industrial concern which has not only enabled him to attain an honorable station in the business world but also thereby to contribute considerably to the financial worth of the city. His rise to his present post of honor and responsibility as a leader of finances is due solely to his own innate resources and perseverance, for he began his industrial career simply as an iron worker and has since brought to bear such faculties for managing affairs and ingenuity relative to his craft as made it possible for him, step by step, to enlarge the borders of his enterprise and develop the business, of which he is the executive head, to its present gratifying proportions.

Born in this city June 17, 1868, Mr. Loesel is a son of Michael and Emma (Stickel) Loesel, highly respected German residents of Erie, whose nativity occurred in the fatherland in the years 1836 and 1848, respectively. Here, where was celebrated their marriage, they have spent their entire lives since arriving in America and for thirty-five years continuously the father, a carpenter by trade, was prominent in the industrial circles of the city as a contractor and builder. He took an active part in the upbuilding of the residence portions of the municipality and by his efforts and industry, as well as by those of others, the city has been developed to its present prosperous condition. His long season of unremitting application, aided by excellent business judgment and careful management, had placed him in circumstances enabling him to withdraw from active life in 1891. Of a family of nine children born to him and his

wife the following survive: Lisetta, the wife of Henry Housmann, resident of Erie; Ida, who married W. R. Baker; the couple living in Lewistown, Pennsylvania; Mabel, who resides in Erie with her husband, Dan'l G. Baldwin; and Charles Fredrick. Five sons passed away in childhood within ten days of each other during an epidemic.

Reared in the city of his birth Charles Fredrick Loesel was at the usual age enrolled as a pupil at the public schools, pursuing his studies there until the age of fifteen years. Inheriting the industry of his father and also a desire to become associated with the building trades, at that early age, he became an apprentice to the carpenter's trade under his parent and plied his craft until he was nineteen years old. At this period of his life, however, with every opportunity before him in the pursuit of the occupation, his desire turned toward railroading and for two and a half years he was employed as a fireman on the Erie & Pittsburg Railroad, which vocation not only added to his physical vigor but also in some respects supplemented his experience in a department of work akin to that in which he is now engaged. Upon leaving the railroad Mr. Loesel opened up a shop on his own account and engaged in the sheet metal and tinning business, in which he has since continued successfully. Being naturally apt at mechanical work and entering upon the undertaking with determination to succeed, at the same time bringing to bear upon his daily tasks a conscientious desire to produce the highest class workmanship and thereby establish a worthy reputation in his department of industry, his business gradually grew until now he conducts one of the most extensive metal industries in the city. In 1907 he established the Bay City Forge Company, of which he is the president and which is at present located at the corner of Eighteenth and Cranberry streets. Mr. Loesel has exercised executive control over the company since its organization and his practical experience in the various phases of the industry, together with his keen business discernment ably qualify him for his responsible office, while his just and fair business methods assure the industry steady growth.

Mr. Loesel wedded Miss Lou Baker, a native of Erie city and a daughter of John O. and Mary Baker. To this union have been born: Fred M., George O., Charles G. and Agnes E. Aside from the duties incumbent upon him as a business man Mr. Loesel finds time to enter into municipal affairs and from 1904 until 1908 was a member of the city council, his services for the public as a constituent of that honorable body having shared the interest and administrative ability he brings to bear in his own private business concerns. In 1908 he was elected a member of the board of poor directors of Erie county, taking his seat on January 1, 1909, for a term of three years. Mr. Loesel is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias while further his social nature finds gratification as a member of the Shrine Club. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Builder's Exchange, both of which he assisted in organizing and his individuality is a strong feature both in the city's industrial and municipal life.

JOHN STEVENS RICHARDS. He coveted success but scorned to attain it except through industry and honest means. He acquired wealth without fraud or deceit, and the results of his life are full of inspiration to the rising generation. These are significant words, and well do they indicate Captain John Stevens Richards as he stood as a man among men. He was a dominating factor in connection with the material and

civic progress of the city of Erie, and no shadow rests on any portion of his career now that he has been called from the scenes and labors of this mortal life. His success, and it was pronounced, was largely attained through his connection with lake-marine and coal interests, and he gave of his splendid ability to the promotion of enterprises which conserved the general welfare of the community. Now that a perspective view of his career in its entirety may be gained, it is most consistent that at least a brief review of his life history be entered in a work of the province assigned to the one at hand.

John Stevens Richards was a native of the city of Erie, which represented his home during practically the entire course of his long and useful life. He was born in the old family homestead on Second street, between French and Holland streets, on the 5th of June, 1821, and his death occurred in Chicago on the 23d of April, 1897. He was a son of John and Ann (Henton) Richards, both natives of Cardiganshire, North Wales. John Richards left his home in Wales when a youth and thereafter followed a seafaring life for some time. He eventually took up his abode in the city of New York, where he served an apprenticeship in the yards of a large shipbuilding firm. At the time of the war of 1812 this firm sent out a large number of its operatives to construct the war vessels which eventually constituted Commodore Perry's historic fleet on Lake Erie, and among the men assigned to this work was John Richards, who rendered effective service in this connection. After the close of the war he established his permanent home in Erie, where his name is honored as that of a sterling pioneer and loyal and influential citizen. For a time after taking up his residence in Erie he sailed on the Great Lakes, after which he engaged in shipbuilding, in which connection he had charge for many years of the construction of all of the Reed Line steamers. Both he and his wife continued to reside in Erie until their death.

Captain John S. Richards gained his early education in the school conducted in what was long known as a landmark of Erie,—the old "Yellow Meeting House," on Sassafras street, and this he supplemented by attending the Erie Academy. For a number of years after leaving school he was associated with his father in the operations of the local shipyard, and he then initiated his career as a sailor on the Great Lakes. He was thus identified with lake-marine service for more than twenty years, and he won rapid promotion through more subordinate offices to that of captain, in which position he had command of such vessels as the "Ohio," "Queen City," "Keystone State," and "Western World," the last mentioned of which held the route between Buffalo and Detroit. His last command was that of the steamship "Milwaukee," which operated between Grand Haven, Michigan, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a connecting adjunct of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad, which is now a part of the Grand Trunk system.

In 1863 Captain Richards retired from the lakes and became a member of the firm of Henry Rawle & Company, of Erie, lake shippers of bituminous coal. This firm was succeeded by that of Richards, Pelton, Reed & Company, and the latter had its dissolution upon the abandonment of the Erie extension canal. In 1871 he became an interested principal in the firm of John Hern & Company, wholesale coal dealers, and with this concern and its successors, W. L. Scott & Company, and the W. L. Scott Company, he continued to be identified until his death, and was its president after the death of Mr. Scott. He also became

interested in other enterprises of important order, not the least of which was the Second National Bank of Erie, in which he was a large stockholder and a director. His charities and benevolences were large and varied, but invariably unostentatious, and as a citizen he was moved by deep public spirit. He was one of those prominently concerned in the founding of the Hamot Hospital, one of the noble institutions of Erie, and as president of the Hamot Hospital Association he gave freely of his time and means to the promotion of the interests and to the maintenance of the hospital. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, in whose cause he maintained a deep interest, though he never consented to become a candidate for public office. He was affiliated with the Protestant Episcopal church, and was a liberal contributor to the various departments of the work of St. Paul's parish, in whose membership Mrs. Richards has long been identified as a zealous church woman. In the city and county of his birth Captain Richards will long be remembered for strength of character which would have made him a man of mark anywhere and for personal qualities which attracted and held all with whom he came in contact.

On the 19th of September, 1853, was solemnized the marriage of Captain Richards to Miss Adelaide McAllister, who was reared in the city of Erie and who is a daughter of the late David and Caroline (Gilson) McAllister, the former of whom was born at Springfield, Vermont, November 18, 1800, and the latter of whom was born at Chesterfield, New Hampshire, January 24, 1813. Both families were founded in New England in the early colonial epoch of our national history. David McAllister came to Erie from Jefferson county, New York, in 1840, and for the ensuing seven years he was here engaged in the dry-goods business. In 1848 he was appointed clerk to the county commissioners, and in 1851 he was elected register and recorder of the county, of which dual office he remained incumbent for two full terms of three years each. Later he was elected treasurer of the Erie Canal Company, and the last official position held by him was that of deputy collector of internal revenue, of which he was incumbent at the time of his death, which occurred March 26, 1880. He was a man of sterling character, was one of the honored pioneers of the city of Erie, and ever commanded the confidence and esteem of the people of the community in which he so long maintained his home. His cherished and devoted wife was summoned to eternal rest October 13, 1892.

Captain and Mrs. Richards became the parents of three children, who, with their mother, survive the honored subject of this memoir. Harry is now a resident of Perley, Minnesota, where he has extensive farming interests and is a representative citizen; Mary is the wife of George R. Metcalf, of Erie; and Adelaide is the widow of William W. Michener, of Chicago, who died in the autum of 1908.

Philander Harlan, who is active in the conduct of an extensive furniture establishment in Erie, has attained prominence in commercial circles solely on the strength of his own exertions and innate business acumen. For twenty-six years he has been identified with the city's commercial life, his initial venture being upon a very small scale and apparently without prospect to one possessed of a lesser degree of foresight and resolution than he. However, as the years came, every moment was utilized toward a definite end and every opportunity seized for the advancement of his business interests, so that today he controls

a large furniture house and owns considerable valuable real estate; wherein, when he started in business, he was practically destitute of finances and had but a small stock of second-hand goods. Such a career strongly indicates a full measure of business ability, economical management and the faculty of making circumstances, as they occur, serve the end in view.

Mr. Harlan was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1852, a son of Samuel Harlan, also a native of that county. Originally the family came from England and is numbered among the early ones of the above named county. When Philander Harlan was a mere boy his father died, and he was put on a farm in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, where he was to remian until he had reached his sixteenth year. During that period he gave his services for his "keep" but, upon attaining the stipulated age, he was paid ten dollars a month for the next half year. At the termination of that period he had his wages, amounting to sixty dollars. Five dollars of that sum he paid for a valise and then came to Erie, where for a year he worked in a restaurant for a man by name of Nunn. In that position he remained for a time, but, before reaching his twenty-first year, enlisted in the United States navy, being assigned aboard the old "Michigan." For eleven years, or until 1883, he was in the government service on the Great Lakes and on the open sea. In that year he located in Erie and engaged in the furniture business, his stand being in the old Elsworth block. Second-hand goods, which he had accumulated during three previous years, constituted his stock. From the outset he determined to succeed, bringing to his aid that strong force of character developed by stern naval discipline and the business grew in response to his incessant application and wise methods, so that he soon began to deal in new furniture. His venture had proved so successful that by the year 1891, eight years after he had taken the step, he had amassed sufficient means to justify his purchase of the old Wright block, on the northeast corner of State and Fifth streets. It is a three-story brick building with a frontage of eighty-two and one-half feet. From time to time he made improvements on the edifice, in all spending about ten thousand dollars in reconstruction, so that today the building presents the appearance of four capacious rooms, connected by archways and stocked with all descriptions of high class furniture. He conducts a large and growing trade since he has become very popular throughout the city owing to his reliability as a merchant and the high standard of commercial ethics he observes in his business transactions.

In 1898 Mr. Harlan bought the old Marshall homestead, on Fifth street near Peach, this being a well-known residence of Erie and, since purchasing the property he has completely remodeled the house, equipping it with all modern conveniences. Here he enjoys the comforts of an elegant home with his wife, who was Susanna Shimer, a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John Shimer, Mrs. Harlan having been reared in Delaware county of her native state. Interested in the welfare of the city Mr. Harlan exerts his influence for its betterment as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Exchange. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

HUDSON W. MOSIER. If any man ever fairly earned a leading position with a representative business house it is Hudson W. Mosier, a foreman of the Watson Paper Mill Company, at Erie, who has applied his abilities to the best interests of that corporation for nearly thirty years. In other words, he has devoted nearly three-fifths of his entire life to the industry as represented by that company. His career furnishes a fine example of faithfulness as an employe, with a hearty recognition both of constancy and efficiency by the employer. Mr. Mosier is a native of the village of Fairview, born September 22, 1859, and is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Osborn) Mosier. His father was a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, born April 4, 1825, and the mother, of Erie county, born on the 29th of January, 1830. The grandfathers, on both sides of the family, were Daniel Mosier and James Osborn, pioneers respectively of Montgomery and Erie counties. Samuel Mosier lost his parents when quite young and was only nine years of age when he accompanied his two brothers and one sister to Erie county. Journeying hither in a wagon, they first located at Le Boeuf, but afterward settled in Mill Creek township. There the father learned both shoemaking and wagon-making, following the latter during the last active years of his life in Fairview township. He died in 1893, his wife having passed away June 1, 1886. Two children were born of this union—Marion, who died in infancy, and Hudson W., of this sketch.

Mr. Mosier was reared in Fairview township as a farmer's boy and there obtained a district school education. He worked both on neighborhood farms and in a brick yard before he became connected with the business which has absorbed most of his life since early manhood. In 1879, when twenty years of age, he went to work for the Watson Paper Company in the Fairview mill, and in 1882 accepted a position in the Erie plant. For a number of years past he has been a foreman of the flourishing paper mill. Albeit the thirty years of his service with the Watson Paper Company have engrossed his working hours, his residence ward (the Sixth) has honored him with membership on the school board for four years, and his brother Masons have advanced him to one of the highest offices in the order. At the expiration of his recent term as potentate of Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Mr. Mosier received as an evidence of its members' esteem a handsome diamond jewel, beautifully and elaborately set. He is also past master of Keystone Lodge, No. 455; a member of Temple Chapter and Mount Olivet Commandery, and secretary of the Mutual Building and Loan Association for over thirteen years.

Mr. Mosier's wife, who was formerly Miss Laura J. McCully, was born at Fairview and is a daughter of John and Maria (Mayer) McCully. Their daughter, Hazel K., was born October 5, 1885, and their son Paul H., February 22, 1888. The latter has been on the Pacific coast for about two years, being an assistant engineer on the Standard Oil steamer "Atlas."

ELIGIUS KOHLMILLER. The dye and cleaning works of Eligius Kohlmiller, of Erie, represent not only the first of their kind in the city, but are pioneers in the use of dry cleaning and other present-day processes, as well as among the most extensive establishments in their line in the United States. Mr. Kohlmiller is a native of Erie, born on Ninth street, between German and Parade streets, on the 29th of March, 1857. His parents, Joseph and Walburga (Christal)

Kohlmiller, were born in Germany, married in that country and came to Erie in 1854. Having thoroughly learned the trade of a dyer, the father soon opened a small shop—the first in Erie—its location being on East Ninth street, near the present site of Webber's photographic studio. In 1860 he removed his business to the location of the extensive establishment developed and conducted for twenty-six years by the son, Eligius Kohlmiller. Its founder retired from active work in April, 1883, when the latter assumed its management, and died in the following month, at the age of fifty-eight years. His widow survived him until June 11, 1890, when she had reached her sixty-third year. Both were faithful members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. They were the parents of the following children: Walburga, who became Mrs. Frank Boelte, of Erie; Eligius; Julia, who is deceased; Theresa, who married Henry Runser; Henry J., deceased; and Louisa, who died as the wife of Henry Arens.

Mr. Kohlmiller was educated in the public and parochial schools of his native city of Erie, and when a small boy commenced to receive his training as a dyer in his father's establishment. At the age of fourteen, however, he entered the employ of Barr and Johnson, stove manufacturers, with whom he remained for several years, before becoming a machinist at Stearns Manufacturing Company. In 1879 he went to Detroit and received a thorough training in the cleaning and dyeing establishment of a French expert, being called home in April, 1883, to assume the charge of his father's business. It was small and rather crude when he became its manager and, soon after its proprietor, its development to its present large proportions, along modern lines, being solely due to his energy and practical ability. Mr. Kohlmiller was one of the first in Erie to adopt and push the dry-cleaning process, and has gradually developed his plant so that it embodies all the newest and most modern sanitary machinery. He now employs eleven women and six men in his works, and the business has grown to 14,000 pieces annually, the quality of his work having obtained so high a reputation that his patrons are found in New York, Boston, Cincinnati, and other large cities east and west, and as far south as Austin, Texas. Mr. Kohlmiller is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Exchange, and also of the Erie Maennerchor, East Side Turners, Knights of Pythias and Elks. Both himself and all the members of his family are Roman Catholics, members of St. Mary's church.

Mr. Kohlmiller was first married in Detroit to Miss Minnie St. Amour. She was a native of that city and died in 1882, leaving one child, Frank J., who is now associated with his father in business. The second marriage was on August 24, 1886, to Miss Margaret K. Eisert, who was born in Erie October 29, 1866, daughter of Martin and Frances (Kegel) Eisert. Her parents were both natives of Germany, her father dying in October, 1900. The children of this marriage were as follows: Elenor, born June 29, 1887; Albert, born October 24, 1888, who met his death on the railroad June 23, 1907; Elmer, born July 21, 1891, and Lavina, born April 28, 1896.

Christian Kessler. There are few if any of the German citizens of Erie, who have taken a more active and prominent part in the affairs of the city than Christian Kessler who has resided here for quite half a century, during which long period he has been closely identified with the city and its government, holding many positions of honorable trust

and responsibility and discharging his official duties with an eye solely to the best interests of the community. Mr. Kessler is a native of Bavaria, Germany, where he was born November 21, 1842, the youngest son of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Backfish) Kessler. The mother died in Bavaria in 1852, and in 1857, the father brought his family to America. He was a quarryman by vocation. He first located in Greene township, Erie county, but later removed to Iowa, where he died in 1869.

Christian Kessler attended school in the old country until he reached the age of fourteen years; but the only instruction in the English branches which he secured was limited to what he obtained in a three or four months attendance at the public schools of Greene township. When he thus became a pupil he could not speak a word of English, yet so apt a student was he, that in a few months he could "spell down" the entire school. In 1859, he came to Erie without capital, and first worked as a grocer's clerk for six years, in February, 1865, becoming a retail grocer, on a small scale at number 408 State street. There he continued until 1870, and then removed to No. 403 State street, where he has since continued. Later he added wholesale whiskey to his grocery business, that department of his establishment being located at No. 401 State street, corner of Fourth. In 1904, he closed out his grocery department, since when he has given his entire business attention to the wholesale liquor store.

Mr. Kessler began his public career in April, 1873, when he was elected to the common council of Erie, serving until 1875. In April of 1875, he was appointed a member of the license board, serving one year, and enjoys the distinction of having been the only man appointed to such a position in the state, who is engaged in the liquor business. In 1876, he was elected to represent his ward to the city select council, serving as such until 1878; in 1880, he was unanimously elected to represent his ward in the city select council, serving until 1882, and from 1886 to 1892 he was a member of the board of water commissioners. Mr. Kessler was one of the incorporators of the Hamot Hospital, and took an active part in establishing the People's market house, securing the major part of the subscriptions and personally overseeing the erection of the buildings.

In 1863, Mr. Kessler married Helen Bloeser, of Erie, who died May 4, 1883, aged thirty-eight years and five days, leaving the following children: Elizabeth, who married John Kolb, of Erie; Helen D., living at home with her father; Annie K., who is bookkeeper for her father; Minnie J., a teacher in the Erie public schools; Clara L., who married W. S. Nason of Erie; C. Harry, vice president of the Wayne Brewing Company, that city; Louis J., who died as an infant of two months; and Florence A., who married Frank L. Feisler, a druggist of Erie.

Mr. Kessler is a Mason in high standing, a successful and honorable business man, and a citizen of public enterprise, ability and unimpeachable integrity.

Robert J. Rosswog. The art of dyeing is largely hereditary in the Rosswog family of Erie—that is, three generations have numbered experts in that line, and as Robert J. Rosswog, one of the leaders in his field in Erie, is himself the father of two living sons, the genealogical history in this particular may be continued into a fourth generation. Mr. Rosswog mentioned, who is proprietor of one of the two largest dyeing and cleaning establishments in the city, is a native of Baden,

Germany, where he was born on the 7th of May, 1879. His parents, Julius and Amelia (Brucker) Rosswog, were also both natives of the duchy, where the paternal grandfather followed his trade and business as a dyer for many years. He was succeeded by his son Julius, who emigrated to the United States with his family in 1888, continuing the business in Erie at No. 1320 Turnpike Road. In 1892 he erected the large two story brick building at the corner of Fourteenth and Peach streets, and there developed his cleaning and dyeing establishment until 1902, when he sold it to his son, Robert J., and retired from active business. Julius Rosswog died in 1905, at the age of seventy-four years, his wife having passed away in 1895, aged fifty. He was twice married, both times in Germany, and by his first wife had six children, of whom the five survivors still reside in the fatherland. The children by the second marriage were as follows: Julius, Jr., who is a business man of Cleveland, Ohio; Amelia, now Sister Eugenia, O. S. B., of Erie; Lena, who married Henry B. Rastatter, a tinner and hardware merchant of that city, located on Parade street; Josephine, who married Louis Bierig, the painter and frescoer of Erie; and Robert J., of this sketch.

The child last named was nine years of age when the family located in Erie, receiving his literary education at St. Mary's Catholic school and his technical and business training under his father. Mr. Rosswog commenced as a delivery boy and not only mastered every detail of the business, but of the mechanisms and processes connected with dyeing and cleaning, so that he was fully competent to assume active charge of the establishment in 1902, when his father relinquished the control. In the fall of 1908 he purchased the business property which he now occupies from the family estate, and to this has added the Johnson property to the south, giving him a plant site of 40 by 90 feet. In the former Johnson building he installed his modern dry cleaning works. In 1903 he introduced the automobile as a delivery agency in Erie, and in 1907 he installed the Hoffman Sanitary steam presses, so that his establishment is one of the most complete in Pennsylvania. His average number of employes is twelve and his work covers the city and neighboring towns, the name Rosswog, having been considered, for many years, a certain guarantee of skill and honesty applied to dyeing and cleaning. Mr. Rosswog is an active member of the National Dyers' and Cleaners' Association and, locally, is identified with the Erie Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's Association, Erie Maennerchor, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters and the Knights of St. John.

Mr. Rosswog married Miss Otillia Haibach, a native of Erie and daughter of Lorenz and Mary Haibach, the father being engaged in the meat business on East Tenth street and a well-known citizen. The three sons of this union were as follows: Robert E., born October 2, 1903; Anthonie J., born May 11, 1906, and Bernard, who was born March 30, 1908, and lived only until the following 15th of July. The mother of the family, who was born August 25, 1877, died April 9, 1908.

Francis Carrick, vice president and manager of the Globe Iron Works, of Erie, which he assisted in founding, is also part owner of the Hinsley Manufacturing Company, a stockholder in the Stearns Manufacturing Company, and since boyhood has been almost continuously identified with the development of the city's industrial life. He is a native of St. Catherine's, Canada, born on the 10th of July, 1853, and is a son of John and Margaret (Ryan) Carrick, the former a

Scotchman of Montrose and the latter, a daughter of Ireland of county Clare. Both parents emigrated to the Dominion in their youth and were married in Canada. In his early life the father was an ocean pilot and at a later period, for many years, captain of the passenger steamer "City of Bradford," plying between St. Catherine's and Montreal. In 1859 he located at Erie, where he was long in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, passing away in that city at the age of seventy-four years, in January, 1878. The widow survived until 1898, dying as the mother of thirteen children, of whom eight are still living.

Mr. Carrick, of this sketch, obtained a common school education and learned the molder's trade at St. Catherines, and when he came to Erie with the family in 1859 entered the employ of the Erie City Iron Works, being then in his seventeenth year. A year later he engaged with the Bay State Iron Works, subsequently with the Stearns Brothers Manufacturing Company, and then became identified with various establishments in other sections of the country, his main design at this period of his career being to familiarize himself with all branches of iron manufacture. At his return to Erie in 1888 he became an employe of the Erie Car Works, with which he spent five years, and then followed a service of seven years with the Nagle Company. Wisely deciding that he was now fully qualified to conduct a business of his own, he associated himself with Fred Hope in the establishment of the Globe Iron Works, a year later his partner selling his interests to F. F. Curtze. At that time the firm became Curtze and Carrick, and in 1902 the business was incorporated as the Globe Iron Works Company, with Mr. Curtze as president and Mr. Carrick as vice president and manager. The partners in this large enterprise also are members of the Heisley Manufacturing Company, and, as stated, Mr. Carrick himself is a stockholder in the Stearns Manufacturing Company. He is also a member of the Erie Board of Trade; is identified, in his church connections, with St. Peter's Roman Catholic cathedral; belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is a director of St. Vincent's Hospital. Mr. Carrick's wife (nee Mary Kerwin) is a daughter of Daniel Kerwin, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and mother of the following: Frank and Leonard, employes of the Globe Iron Works; Paul, deceased, and Cecilia.

Philip August Becker. The distinctive and specific office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave the record establishing his position by the concensus of public opinion. In all things Philip A. Becker measured up to the full standard of honorable manhood in his business, social and official relations. For over a third of a century he was closely identified with the commercial interests of Erie and during a portion of that time was probably the most conspicuous figure in municipal affairs, especially at the time when Erie was passing through its transformation period from a borough into a city. Indeed so active and helpful a part did he take in that work that his record has become inseparably interwoven with the history of the municipality and what he accomplished along the lines of progress and improvement in municipal affairs will ever be a most interesting and valuable contribution to the city's annals.

Mr. Becker was born at Essingen, Rhein-Pfalz, Bavaria, on the 10th of April, 1835, and his parents, Jacob and Mary (Berle) Becker, were also natives of that kingdom. Both the father and grandfather

were school teachers and it was therefore but natural that Philip A. Becker should receive a collegiate education, owing to the interest of the family in intellectual progress. Following the German revolution of 1848, when so many of his countrymen found it expedient to seek homes in a new country, Mr. Becker also came to the United States and in 1851 established his home in Erie. Here he entered upon a business career in which he was destined, by reason of his laudable ambition, unfaltering energy and capable management, to win notable success. He first began as a clerk in the store of Jacob Berger but, with a college training and natural business ability, he was too ambitious to remain long in the position of salesman and the fall of 1852 found him at the head of his own establishment as proprietor of a wholesale grocery and liquor store at the corner of Fourth and French streets. The same year Mr. Becker's parents and sisters joined him in Erie and here the father died in 1853 but the mother long survived, passing away in January, 1890, at the very advanced age of eighty-four years.

In 1856 Mr. Becker, now well established in commercial lines, removed his business to the corner of Sixth and French streets, where in 1872 he erected a fine business house which is now known as the Becker block. It is a three-story brick structure and it remained the scene of his commercial operations until his death, since which time the business has been carried on at the same location by his sons and is still operated under the father's name. It is one of the oldest and best known business houses of the city, the sons maintaining its management along the same honorable, straightforward and progressive lines laid down by the father. In his commercial career Philip A. Becker was very progressive, seeking out new lines of activity whereby he might extend his commercial interests, and the success which he achieved was due to his honest, careful and persevering labors and his reliable principles. He ever maintained an unsullied name, his integrity standing as an unquestioned factor in his commercial life.

In political circles and municipal affairs Mr. Becker made a reputation which was equally commendable and reliable. He was conscientious in the discharge of every public duty, faithful in meeting every public trust and in all his municipal service looked ever to the advancement and growth of the city. Probably no public official of Erie has left his influence and impress on the city to better purpose than he. In every position which he filled he was a leader and sought continuously to advance reform, efficiency and improvement. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth, ability and unfaltering devotion to the general good, called him again and again to office and over the record of his official career there fell no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. From 1867 until 1873 he was a useful member of the board of school directors, putting forth effective and beneficial effort in behalf of the system of public education. He served for nine full terms as a member of the city council and in both branches thereof was honored with election to the presidency. In 1883 his useful public career culminated in his election as mayor of Erie, to which he was chosen by a large majority as the Democratic candidate. His friends, constituents and the people in general expected much of him as the city's chief executive, nor were they disappointed, for his term was characterized by various needed reforms and the inauguration of a number of movements resulting in great benefit. He strongly advocated the building of a new city hall in keeping with the needs and dignity of the growing town and it was during his

administration that the project was successfully developed, that ground was broken and the work of construction begun. He also reorganized and uniformed the city police force and established much needed discipline in that department. He likewise reorganized the fire department, which he greatly improved, bringing it up to a high point of efficiency never before known in its history. To him, more than to any other individual or number of men, is due the credit for installing the system of electric lighting in Erie. Many other tangible evidences of his progressive spirit could be cited and in fact his administration accomplished more in the line of municipal reforms and improvements than that of any mayor the city has ever had.

In social, church and fraternal circles Philip A. Becker was also prominent, influential and helpful. He was one of the organizers of the Erie Liedertafel and was a leading member of the Lutheran church. His life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Odd Fellows society and indeed his interest and influence were always on the side of right, justice, truth and advancement. When death claimed him on the 12th of January, 1888, his passing was mourned by a wide circle of personal friends and by the entire community at large, for his life was so wrought in the public fabric that his death brought a sense of personal bereavement to all. Commenting on the death of Mayor Becker, one of the local newspapers, in a tribute to his citizenship and character, voiced the following sentiment, which was echoed by all who knew him: "Liberal and progressive as a citizen, capable and honest as an official, loyal and generous as a friend and tenderness itself beside his own hearthstone, Philip Becker died as becomes a man of such character—brave and patient to the time when that blessed provision of nature for the great change robbed him of conscious being, only a few minutes before life left his body."

The home life of Philip A. Becker was also most attractive in his devotion to his wife and children. In 1858 he was united in marriage to Miss Eugenia L. Jung, who died in February, 1896, at the age of fifty-seven years. There were four children born unto them, of whom Eugenia A., the eldest, died at the age of eighteen. Emil A. Becker, who was born in Erie, January 28, 1861, was educated in the public schools, after which he was under a private tutor in Philadelphia for a time. In 1878 he entered his father's store and continued with him until the father's death, when he and his brother Otto succeeded to the business, which, however, has since been conducted under the old style of P. A. Becker. He is a member of the various Masonic bodies and of the Erie, Country and Shrine Clubs. He is also connected with the Chamber of Commerce and, like his father, is proving his progressive citizenship in many tangible ways. He married Miss Ruth Spafford, and to them one son has been born, Spafford J. Becker. Mrs. Becker is a daughter of John D. Spafford and a granddaughter of Oliver Spafford, the pioneer book man of Erie, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. The mother of Mrs. Ruth Becker bore the maiden name of Emily Lejeal and belonged to a prominent family of this city. Armin Becker, the third member of the family, died at the age of a year and a half. Otto E., the youngest and the second surviving son, was born in Erie, January 5, 1865, and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed. In 1882 he entered his father's store and continues the business successfully in connection with his brother. He, too, is loyal to the teachings of Masonry, having taken the degrees

of the York and Scottish rites, while his membership relations also include the Erie, Country and Shrine Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. He married Salona, a daughter of Dr. B. A. Smith, a well-known physician of Erie, and to them, in 1903, was born a son, Philip S. Becker. For almost six decades the family has figured in connection with the history of Erie and the name has always been a synonym here for progressive and valued citizenship.

William Conradt Kraemer. Secretary and treasurer of the Dispatch Printing and Engraving Company, of Erie, and a public citizen of influence and official standing, William C. Kraemer is a worthy type of the German-American who is behind much of the substantial life of Erie and Northwestern Pennsylvania. He is a native of Chautauqua county, New York, born March 18, 1868, and is a son of William and Eva (Bender) Kraemer. Although the father was born in Baden-Baden and the mother in Bavaria, both emigrated from Germany to the United States in their early years. William Kraemer, who was a wagon maker, was living in Missouri at the outbreak of the Civil war, and served in a Union regiment from that state under General Fremont. Afterward he went to Dunkirk, New York, where one of his sisters was living, and followed his trade there and at Fredonia, also in that state. In 1868 he located at Forestville, New York, where, as a member of the firm of Jones and Kraemer, he established a wagon manufactory and blacksmith shop. His death occurred at the latter place in 1873, at the age of thirty-three years, the widowed mother being now a resident of Erie.

Until he was thirteen years of age, W. C. Kraemer lived at Forestville, New York, attending its public schools and Free Academy. In November, 1881, he located at Girard, where he learned the printer's trade on the *Cosmopolite,* a newspaper established by Dan Rice, the well-known showman. Mr. Kraemer remained thus engaged until July, 1891, when, at the age of twenty-three, he became a resident of Erie. After continuing as an employe of the *Dispatch* for some time he bought an interest in the paper and the printing plant, and acted as foreman for about six years. When the newspaper and job departments were divided, Mr. Kraemer became identified with the latter. This was organized and incorporated as the Dispatch Printing and Engraving Company, and of this he is third owner, holding the office of secretary and treasurer. To the development of this enterprise Mr. Kraemer has given his chief attention, although his activity and influence in public matters have been noteworthy. In 1902 he was elected, by independent voters, to the office of county register and recorder, and in 1905 returned to the same position without opposition. He is also in line with other enterprising citizens as a member and active supporter of the Erie Board of Trade, and is earnest and liberal in his association with the fraternities. He has attained especially high rank in the Masonic order, being a member of Perry Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection; Pittsburg Consistory and Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine; as a natural consequence of his standing in the order, he is identified with the Shriner Club of Erie. As an Odd Fellow he belongs to Lake Shore Lodge No. 718, and Heneosis Adelphon Encampment No. 42; his Knights of Pythias connections are with Erie Lodge and the Dramatic Order of Khorassan, and he is a member of Alpha Tent No. 1, K. O.

T. M. Mr. Kraemer's wife was formerly Miss Alice L. Hays and both are members of the Central Presbyterian church.

THOMAS OLDMAN. A well-known and popular business man of the city of Erie is Thomas Oldman, who is proprietor of the Tenth Avenue Cafe & Restaurant, and who previously was prominently identified with manufacturing industries of an important order. He is a member of the city council, in which he is a representative of the Second ward, and during his services as a city official he has made a record for care and fidelity in the conservation of good municipal government.

Thomas Oldman is a native of the city of Buffalo, New York, where he was born on the 22d of January, 1862, and he is a son of William and Jane (Crighton) Oldman, the former of whom was born in Manchester, England, in 1833, and the latter of whom was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1840. William Oldman was about five years of age when, in 1839, his parents came to America, and from New York City, to which point they had made the voyage on one of the old-time sailing vessels, they made their way to Buffalo on a canal packet-boat on the Erie canal. At that time no railroad had penetrated so far west as Buffalo. In the city mentioned William Oldman was reared to manhood, and he is now one of the oldest citizens of Buffalo, where he has maintained his home continuously since his childhood days and where he was long identified with successful business undertakings. For many years he was engaged in the manufacturing of boilers, having been an expert boiler-maker and having long conducted a shop of his own. For the past several years he has lived retired from all active business associations, and he rests secure in the confidence and esteem of all who know him in the city which has long been the scene of his earnest and fruitful endeavors.

Thomas Oldman was reared to maturity in his native city, to whose excellent public schools he is indebted for his early educational discipline. As a youth he entered upon an apprenticeship to the boiler-maker's trade, under the effective direction of his honored father, and he continued to follow the work of his trade in Buffalo, until 1889, when, at the age of twenty-seven years, he came to Erie, Pennsylvania, where he became superintendent of the boiler department of the plant of the Stearns Manufacturing Company. Later he engaged in business for himself, by establishing the American Boiler Works, and he built up a prosperous enterprise, in which he continued until July, 1908, when he disposed of the plant and business and purchased the Tenth Avenue Cafe & Restaurant, which he has since conducted with much success. The establishment is modern and attractive in appointments and the service is such as to constitute the best possible advertising for the popular institution.

In his political adherency Mr. Oldman is found arrayed as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor, and he has been the popular and able representative of the Second ward in the city council continuously since 1904. He was first elected in that year, was chosen as his own successor in 1906, and in the election of 1908 renewed mark of popular appreciation of his services was given when he was again elected to succeed himself as one of the members of the administrative body of the municipal government. He is affiliated with Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Protected Home Circle, besides which he is identified with the Erie Chamber of Commerce, an organi-

zation which has done much to further the industrial and commercial advancement of Erie.

Samuel B. Bayle. As a representative member of the bar of his native county, as one who has also attained to much prestige as an educator, as one who has rendered effective service in the state legislature, and as a scion of families founded in the old Keystone commonwealth in the colonial epoch of our national history, there is ample reason for according consideration in this publication of Samuel B. Bayle, who bears a name that has long been identified with the annals of Erie county and one that has ever stood exponent of the best order of citizenship.

Samuel B. Bayle was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in McKean township, this county, and the date of his nativity is to be recorded as August 20, 1860. He is a son of Elias and Mara Ann Louisa (Brecht) Bayle, the former of whom was likewise a native of McKean township, where he was born in the year 1822, and the latter of whom was born in Fairview township, this county, in 1830. James Bayle, grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, was a native of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, when he removed to Erie county and became one of the pioneer settlers of McKean township in the opening years of the nineteenth century. He rendered valiant service in guarding the port of Erie during the war of 1812, and during the progress of this conflict also assisted in the construction of the historic old Edinboro plank road. He became one of the influential citizens of the county, and here continued his residence until his death. A great-grandfather of Samuel B. Bayle in the maternal line was Stephen Oliver, who had served as a loyal soldier in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution and who was present at the historic Wyoming massacre. He became one of the pioneers of McKean township, this county, and contributed his quota to the material and civic progress of this now favored section of the old Keystone state.

Elias Bayle was reared to manhood in this county, and made good use of the advantages of the common schools of his day, as is evident when it is stated that he became a successful and popular teacher when a young man. He was reared on the home farm, and in later years he found it expedient and grateful to continue his allegiance to the great basic art of agriculture, in connection with which he has been duly successful in his operations. He continued to be engaged in farming in McKean township until 1864, when he removed to the state of Michigan, where he continued to reside until 1872, when he returned to his native county, where he has since maintained his home. He now resides with his son in Fairview borough, and he has long been recognized as one of the sterling and influential citizens of Erie county, where he has been called upon to serve in various township offices and where he has so ordered his course as to retain at all times the confidence and inviolable esteem of his fellow men. His cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal on the 6th of January, 1890. She was a woman of most gracious and gentle personality, and ever showed a deep sympathy for "those in any ways afflicted, in mind, body or estate," so that her memory will long be revered by all who came within the sphere of her immediate influence. She was a daughter of Samuel Brecht, who was one of the pioneers of Fairview township, this county, whither he came from Lancaster county. His old homestead farm is

now owned by his grandson and namesake, the subject of this sketch. Samuel Brecht married Miss Isabella Nicholson, daughter of John Nicholson, who came from Londonderry, Ireland, to America in 1783, in which year he became a settler in Mill Creek township, Erie county, where he reclaimed a farm from the virgin forest.

Samuel B. Bayle was reared on the home farm and after duly availing himself of the advantages of the district schools, he entered the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Edinboro, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1889. In 1892 he received from Allegheny College the degree of Master of Arts, and later he took a post-graduate course in the University of West Virginia. In the meanwhile he had taken up the study of law under the most effective preceptorship of Hinckley and Rice, Warren, Pennsylvania, and in 1891 he was admitted to the bar of both Warren and Erie counties. In 1892 he took up his residence in the city of Chicago, and he followed the work of his profession in the great western metropolis until 1898, in which later year he returned to Erie county. Here, in 1899, he became principal of the Waterford high school, which was changed from the academic system of operation in that year. He proved most successful in his pedagogic work, and in 1901-2 he was engaged in the work of this profession at Waterford, this county. In the latter year he was elected county superintendent of schools, and of this important and exacting office he continued to be the able and popular incumbent until 1908, when he retired from the position to assume the discharge of his duties as a representative of his native county in the state legislature, to which he had been elected in that year. As superintendent of schools of Erie county, Mr. Bayle accomplished a splendid work, unifying the system of management and operation and doing much to promote efficiency in all departments of the school work throughout the county. His administration gained to him the hearty co-operations of the teachers in his jurisdiction and the unqualified commendation of the people of the county, in general.

In politics Mr. Bayle is signally well fortified in his convictions, and he accords a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, of whose principles and policies he is an effective exponent. As a member of the legislature he has proved himself active, watchful and duly conservative. He has been assigned to membership on important committees of the house, among which may be mentioned those on education, agriculture, highways, public health sanitation, and electric railways. Since his retirement from the field of educational work he has resumed the practice of law, and is successfully following the work of this profession in Erie, where his clientage is of representative order. He also maintains a general supervision of his fine farm property, in Fairview township. He is affiliated with the local lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic fraternity, as well as with its social adjunct, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Episcopal church.

In 1882 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bayle to Miss Edith May Fargo, who was born in Fairview township, this county, and who is a daughter of William and Esther (Spence) Fargo, honored pioneers of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Bayle have only one child, William Fargo Bayle, who was born in 1889. He was graduated in Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, as a member of the class of 1905, receiving the

degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is now preparing himself for the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal church, at Arden, North Carolina, where he was head master of Christ Episcopal School in 1908.

PETER HENRICHS. Many men excel in achievements and command success in some particular direction, but very few attain eminence in several lines of endeavor. In Peter Henrichs, one of the leading German citizens of Erie, we have a notable exception. As a dry goods merchant he won pronounced success; as an inventor he has met with public recognition and endorsement; as a manufacturer his results have been positive and satisfactory; and as a writer for the press his literary ability has been established. He is now especially engaged in manufacturing, being at the head of the Exhibition Show Case Manufacturing Company, whose plant is located at No. 1816 German street. A native of Prussia, Germany, he was born February 16, 1839, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Armbruster) Henrichs.

Emigrating with his family to the United States in 1845, Joseph Henrichs lived first in Cincinnati, Ohio, and afterwards resided for a time in Covington, Kentucky, following in both places his trade of a cabinet maker. Coming to Erie, in 1852, he opened a cabinet maker's shop on Peach street, near Eighteenth street, and continued in his chosen occupation, obtaining an excellent start. In 1855, however, he was so seriously injured by the collapsing of the gallery in St. Patrick's Catholic church edifice that he died in March, 1856, while yet in the prime of life, being but forty-five years old, his birth having occurred in 1811. His widow subsequently removed to Mishawaka, Indiana, where she made a home with a daughter until her death, in 1888, at the age of seventy-nine years, her birth having occurred in 1809. Both parents were faithful members of the Roman Catholic church.

Receiving his educational training in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, Kentucky, Peter Henrichs came with his family to Erie, in 1852, and at once took a position as salesman in the old Sennett, Barr Company's foundry, with which he continued until its failure in 1857. The following three years he was clerk in the dry goods store of William Bell. In 1860 Mr. Henrichs formed a partnership with Jacob Gobel, and embarked in the dry goods business, in the American block, becoming junior member of the firm of Gobel & Henrichs. Buying out his partner in 1866, he managed the business by himself until 1872. In that year, he became manager of the cloak and suit manufacturing department of Edson, Churchill & Co., and during the very same year invented a combination infant's chair, and formed a company for its manufacture. Subsequently Mr. Henrichs sold out his interest to the other members of the company, who continued the manufacture of his patent, paying him a royalty on all manufactures. Still keeping his inventive faculties in use, Mr. Henrichs patented, in 1877, a sectional exhibition show case, and, in company with J. W. Churchill, engaged in the manufacture of the same under the firm name of "The Exhibition Show Case Company," of which he has ever since been the active head and manager. Under his wise superintendence, the business has been materially increased, the company now manufacturing not only show cases, but a full line of store fixtures, its business being one of the largest and most renumerative of the kind in the city.

A writer of talent and ability, Mr. Henrichs has for a number of years contributed articles of interest to the press, principally along the

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lines of local history, with which he is familiar, and he is now engaged in the preparation of a voluminous work on the history of the German population in Erie county, which he designs to publish in book form at some future time.

On January 12, 1860, Mr. Henrichs married Catherine Preuss, a native of Prussia, and to them eleven children have been born, namely: Edward N.; Amelia; Leo, deceased; Rosa; Cornelia; Virginia; William; Eugenia and Nova, twins; Katie; and Edith. Politically Mr. Henrichs supports the principles of the Republican party, and religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Henrichs are members of the Roman Catholic church.

Louis Rosenzweig. Of the many eminent lawyers that have honored the Erie bar within the last quarter of a century Louis Rosenzweig is one of the more prominent, his legal knowledge, skill and ability having gained him success and distinction in his profession. He is a man of intellectual power and force, wise in all departments of law, and as a safe, prudent and sound counsellor has a large and lucrative patronage. A native of Georgia, he was born in the city of Macon, April 25, 1844. His parents, Isaac and Bena (Baker) Rosenzweig, were born in Germany, married in Philadelphia, and subsequently located in Georgia, where the father was engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1846 the family came north to Erie, where the father continued in business as a merchant until his death, October 8, 1884.

Having completed his early studies in the public schools of Erie, Louis Rosenzweig was for a number of years employed as a clerk in his father's store. Ambitious, however, to enter upon a professional career, he read law with Edward Camphausen, Esq., devoting himself to his legal studies with the industry and persistency that has ever been characteristic of his life, and in due time was admitted to the bar. After practising his profession alone for a time, Mr. Rosenzweig formed a partnership with George A. Allen, and under the firm name of Allen & Rosenzweig continued in practice until the death of the senior member of the firm. Exceedingly successful from the start, this firm built up one of the most extensive and remunerative lines of practice in Northwestern Pennsylvania. As the firm's successor, Mr. Rosenzweig has continued the business, which has in nowise deteriorated, but on the contrary has visibly increased in magnitude and importance, being one of the most noteworthy in the city.

Mr. Rosenzweig married, October 19, 1864, Minnie, daughter of the late Jacob Newberger, a merchant of Cumberland, Indiana, and of their union four children have been born, namely: Grant I., a graduate of Yale University, is now an attorney in Kansas City, Missouri; Bert R., living in Cleveland, Ohio; Eta, wife of Isadore Levi; and Harriet, wife of Fred Davidson of Schenectady, New York. Religiously Mr. Rosenzweig and his family are members of the Jewish Temple. Politically he is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, and though not an aspirant for official honors has served two terms as school director. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons; he was one of the organizers and one of the original members of the board of trustees of the public library.

Rev. Benjamin J. Raycroft. The honored pastor of St. Anne's church in the city of Erie is one of the distinguished members of the priesthood of the Catholic church in his native state, and in his high

calling he has accomplished a most successful work for the aiding and uplifting of his fellow men. He is a man of fine intellectual attainments and his record has been the positive expression of a strong and deeply sympathetic nature.

Benjamin Joseph Raycroft, A. M., was born in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Benjamin and Margaret (Flynn) Raycroft, both of whom were born in the fair Emerald Isle. Rev. Father Raycroft gained his early educational discipline in a school conducted by the Franciscan Brothers in his native city, and in the early '70s the family came to Erie county and located on a farm west of Edinboro, in which village Father Raycroft became a student in the Pennsylvania State Normal School, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1880. In the same year he entered St. Vincent's College, in Westmoreland county, this state, where he remained a student for two years. He was then matriculated in Niagara University, near Niagara Falls, New York, and after remaining there one year he entered St. Bonaventure's College, at Allegany, New York, where he was graduated in 1884, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He passed the ensuing three years as a student in the theological seminary connected with the college, and on the 24th of July, 1887, he was ordained to the priesthood.

Father Raycroft's first pastoral incumbency was as first assistant to Father Patterson, of St. Mary's church at Sartwell, Pennsylvania, and later he was pastor of the parish of the Sacred Heart, Sharon, Pennsylvania, for a period of three and one-half months. Thereafter he held charges at Warren and Oil City, this state, in which latter place he was assistant in St. Joseph's church until February 2, 1890, when he became identified with the parish of old St. Patrick's church in Erie. On the 11th of the following August Bishop Mullen assigned to him the charge of St. Boniface's parish, at Kersey, Elk county, Pennsylvania, where he continued his labors until the 3d of January, 1901, when he returned to the city of Erie and assumed his present pastoral charge. Here his labors have been most potent in advancing both the spiritual and temporal welfare of his parish. Through his earnest efforts, with the zealous co-operation of his parishioners, the fine new church edifice of St. Anne's was completed in 1905, and while at Kersey he also erected a new church building, which was completed and dedicated in 1894. In Erie Father Raycroft has the high regard of all classes of citizens, and in his parish his indefatigable labors, his zeal, his devotion and his selif-abnegating spirit have won and retained to him the affection and regard of those to whom he ministers.

Father Raycroft has special talent in the field of literature, and is essentially a deep and appreciative student. He received from his alma mater, St. Bonaventure's College, the degree of Master of Arts, in 1889. He is the author of two books of sermons, and one entitled "Devotions to the Blessed Virgin," besides which he has written six very effective dramatic compositions, which have been presented on the local stage. His deep humanitarian spirit and his gracious personality gain to him friends among "all sorts and conditions of men," and his popularity in the city of Erie is of the most unequivocal order.

Rufus L. Perkins. The names and deeds of those who have wrought nobly in the past should not be allowed to perish, and it is in the making of perpetual record concerning such persons that a publi-

cation of this order exercises its supreme function. The family of which Rufus L. Perkins was a scion bears a name which is ineffaceably traced on the pages of our national history from the early colonial epoch to the present time. Strong men and true; gentle and gracious women, have represented the name as one generation has followed another onto the stage of life, while the family escutcheon has ever been a symbol of integrity, honor and usefulness. In New England, in Pennsylvania, in Ohio, and in divers other sections of the Union there have been many distinguished citizens to upbear the prestige of the name, and not the least of these was Rufus Lord Perkins, to whom this brief tribute is dedicated and who was known and honored as one of the representative business men and sterling citizens of Erie county.

Rufus Lord Perkins, who died at his home in the city of Erie, on Wednesday, March 17, 1909, was born in the village of Athens, Ohio, on the 17th of December, 1819, and was a son of Dr. Chauncey F. and Lydia (Lord) Perkins. The original American ancestor in the agnatic line was John Perkins, who was born in Gloucestershire, England, in 1590, and who landed at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1631. For two years he was a resident of Boston and at the expiration of this period, in 1633, he established his permanent home at Ipswich, Massachusetts. From this worthy ancestor the subject of this memoir was of the seventh generation in line of direct descent. Eliphas Perkins, grandfather of Rufus L., figures as the founder of the family in the west. He was a native of Norwich, Connecticut. He graduated from Yale College, and after securing his medical education practised his profession in his native state for some years. In 1799 he removed to the wilds of Ohio and settled in the little pioneer village of Marietta whence he subsequently removed to Athens, where he passed the remainder of his life.

Dr. Chauncey Fitch Perkins was born at Canterbury, Connecticut, and his wife, Lydia (Lord) Perkins was a native of Norwich, that state. She was a direct descendant from Thomas Lord, who was born in England, in 1585, and who emigrated to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1635. Dr. Chauncey F. Perkins received excellent educational advantages and gained distinction as an able physician and surgeon. He was engaged in the practice of his profession at Athens, Ohio, until 1828, when he removed with his family to Pennsylvania and took up his abode in Erie. He was one of the pioneer physicians of this county, where he ministered to suffering humanity with abilty and self-abnegaton for many years and where he is held in reverent memory as one of the earnest and noble representatives of his profession in this section of the state during its formative period.

Rufus Lord Perkins was a lad of nine years at the time of the family removal from Ohio to Erie, and in the schools of the locality and period he secured his early educational discipline, which was later to be broadened to knowledge and appreciation of all that is best in literature. As a youth he secured a clerical position in the office of the Erie Railroad at Dunkirk, New York, during the period of the construction of that road, and after being thus engaged about two years he returned to Erie, where, in 1843, he engaged in the drug business in partnership with John H. Burton. This alliance continued until May, 1849, when Mr. Perkins disposed of his interest in the enterprise and engaged in the manufacture of paper. He erected his mill at Mayside, this county, near the mouth of Walnut creek, and in 1850 he established his home at Mayside, where for more than a score of

years he was identified with the manufacturing of paper. For a portion of this period he had as his associate in the business his brother-in-law, Samuel Selden, and later Colonel John H. Bliss became an interested principal in the enterprise.

In 1873, after his retirement from the business just mentioned, Mr. Perkins returned to Erie, where he passed the remainder of his life and where for a number of years he continued to be actively associated with business interests,—for a time as agent for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company and later as the local representative of the Bradstreet Mercantile Agency. During the later years of his life he lived retired and was permitted to enjoy to the full the attractions of his beautiful home and his large and select library. His circle of friends was circumscribed only by that of his acquaintances, and no citizen had a more secure place in the confidence and esteem of the community than did he. From an appreciative article published in a local newspaper at the time of his demise the following statements are taken:

"Mr. Perkins was a man of very marked Christian character, and had all his life taken a very active interest in his church and everything the church stands for. He united with the First Presbyterian church of this city in 1834. Upon his removal to Mayside he transferred his membership to the Presbyterian church of Fairview, Pennsylvania, where he became an elder. When he returned to Erie, in 1873, he united with the Park Presbyterian church, with which he continued to be identified until his death. The distribution of the Holy Scriptures as a means of extending the kingdom of Christ in the world, appealed to him very strongly, and, for many years, his support and co-operation had been given to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, of which he was a vice-president; for nearly twenty-five years he was secretary of the Erie County Bible Society, and at the time of his death was secretary and treasurer.

"From his boyhood his tastes were decidely literary, and even during the very active years of his business life he found time to write much for the papers and periodicals, and this habit he kept up almost to the last. He was an idefatigable student, and his mind was a veritable storehouse of information, not only on matters of history and the world of letters, but also in regard to the news and vital interests of the day. His disposition was bright and cheerful, and by his kindly manner and his abiding sympathy he attracted to him all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. His death came suddenly, but we can believe, as he did, that it was only the opening of the door into his heavenly home."

Even in so intimate an article as this review of the career of the honored subject of this sketch there can be no desire to intrude upon the sacred precincts of his home, in which his interests ever centered, in which the domestic relations were ever of idyllic character, and in which the noble and generous attributes of his character stood forth in stronger relief than in any other of the varied relations of life. In the city of Erie, on the 9th of September, 1845, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Perkins to Miss Mary Ann Lattimore, who was born in Painesville, Ohio, on the 24th of February, 1820, and who was a daughter of William and Rhoda Williams Lattimore. The first break in the family circle, and one which brought the maximum loss and bereavement in the life of Mr. Perkins, was that which occurred

when the devoted wife and mother was summoned into eternal rest, in January, 1883. They became the parents of six children, concerning whom the following brief data are consistently entered in conclusion of this tribute: William Rufus, who was for a number of years a member of the faculty of Cornell University and later professor of history in the University of Iowa, died on the 27th of January, 1895; George Williams was a member of the bar of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, at the time of his death, on the 7th of May, 1900; Henry Lattimore, who was engaged in business in Erie, died on the 9th of January, 1903; Chauncey Fitch, who was general ore and coal agent for the Pennsylvania Company, with headquarters in the city of Pittsburg, died January 3, 1909; and Charles Lord and Julia Elizabeth, the only surviving members of the immediate family, reside at the home on West Sixth street, in the city of Erie.

Rev. Andrew Ignasiak. A man of earnest thought and sincere purpose, Rev. Andrew Ignasiak, pastor of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church, in Erie, is a teacher and leader among his people, and through ties of sweet ministry and love has greatly endeared himself to his parishioners. A son of John and Katarina Ignasiak, he was born, November 6, 1862, in Slawienko, near Obornik, Prussian Poland, and there received the rudimentary education that developed in him a taste for higher knowledge. He afterwards attended the Gymnasium at Posen, and then entered the American College at Louvain, Belgium, where he made a special study of theology.

Being graduated from that institution in 1886, Father Ignasiak was there ordained to the priesthood in the Roman Catholic church, and given the mission to the diocese in Erie. Arriving in this city, August 21, 1886, he immediately assumed charge of St. Stanislaus' church, with which he has since been actively identified. In his ministerial labors, Father Ignasiak has been eminently successful, his kindly spirit, beneficence, and sympathetic nature enabling him to touch the hearts and influence the lives of the unlearned as well as the cultured, bringing him into close personal relations with the members of his parish.

Albert N. Daniels. Among the strong and honored figures in the business circles of the city of Erie is Albert Nathaniel Daniels, who is known as a worthy type of the steadfast, honorable and upright business man and loyal and public-spirited citizen. Ex-secretary and superintendent of the Carter Smart Weed Company, an important industrial concern of Erie, he is a representative in the third generation of one of the sterling pioneer families of this county.

Mr. Daniels was born in Cussewago township, Crawford county, this state, on the 14th of May, 1860, and is a son of David A. and Philura (Hills) Daniels, the former of whom was born at Gospel Hill, Harbor Creek township, this county, in 1822, and the latter of whom was born at Fabius, Onondaga county, New York, January 29, 1826. David Albert Daniels was a son of William Daniels, a native of the state of New Jersey, who came to Erie county in an early day and became one of the pioneers of Harbor Creek township, where he secured a tract of heavily timbered land and essayed the reclamation of a farm. He had learned the trades of shoemaker and tanner and in earlier years devoted his attention to the same, after which his vocation was that of farmer. When his son David A. was a boy Wil-

liam Daniels removed to Crawford county, this state, where he followed agricultural pursuits during the rest of his active life and where his death occurred. For more than thirty years he served as captain of a militia company in Crawford county, and he was thus familiarly known by the title of captain. Upon his death his son David A. was appointed his successor in the captaincy, by Governor Mifflin, but the company, with others in the state service, was disbanded soon afterward. The parents of William Daniels were born in Ireland and Holland respectively, and their marriage was solemnized in America, where the respective families were founded in the colonial days.

David A. Daniels became one of the prosperous farmers of Crawford county, where he was reared to manhood and where he ever commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew him. His death occurred on his old homestead in that county, in 1902. His devoted wife, who died in 1885, was a daughter of Obed and Alsemina (Bacon) Hills, both of whom were of English lineage. Obed Hills was a blacksmith and millwright by trade and in addition to having been engaged in the milling business he also operated largely in the handling of lumber and became a successful farmer. He took up his residence in Crawford county, this state, in 1837, but in 1866 he removed to Genesee county, Michigan, where both he and his wife continued to reside until their death.

Albert Nathaniel Daniels, passed his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm in Cussewago township, Crawford county, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the common schools of the locality and period. That he made good use of his opportunities is evident when it is stated that at the age of nineteen years he proved himself eligible and secured a teacher's certificate, after which he was a successful teacher in the district schools of his native county for several terms. Thereafter he was for a time employed as a salesman of nursery stock. After his marriage, in 1893, he was identified with agricultural pursuits in Crawford county until 1889, when he assumed the position of a driver on a star-route mail and stage line, with which he continued to be identified for a period of four years. In 1894 Mr. Daniels came to Erie, where he forthwith was engaged as a salesman for the Carter Smart Weed Company. In this capacity he was employed for the first eighteen months, at the expiration of which he became a foreman in the plant of the company in Erie. In 1898 he was promoted to the office of superintendent and also became secretary of the company, in which he served until May 7, 1909, when he retired from the business.

In politics, though never a seeker of official preferment, Mr. Daniels is a supporter of the Republican party. He has attained to no little distinction in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in whose affairs he maintains a deep interest. He has been affiliated with the order since 1891 and was one of the organizers of Fraternal Lodge, No. 188, of Erie, of which he was the first noble grand. In 1905 he represented this lodge in the grand lodge of the order in Pennsylvania, at the meeting held in the city of Scranton. He is now secretary of Fraternal Lodge, and is a valued member of Lake Erie Encampment, and Canton Nicholson, Patriarchs Militant,—representing advanced degrees in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1883 Mr. Daniels was united in marriage to Miss Ida E. Vaughn, who was born in Cussewago township, Crawford county, this state,

and who is a daughter of Nathan and Ruth (Mellott) Vaughn, well known citizens of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have four children, namely: Benjamin F., Bernal I., Ruth K., and Edna P., all of whom remain at the parental home with the exception of Benjamin F., who is now a resident of Levi, New Mexico, where he is the owner of a valuable tract of land.

William J. Schaaf, one of the well known citizens and business men of Erie is engaged in the commission business at No. 1009 Ash street. He is a native of the city, having been born on July 1, 1858, in the old Schaaf homestead at No. 603 East Tenth street which he now owns and in which he resides. Mr. Schaaf is the son of Peter and Franciska (Sanner) Schaaf, both of whom were born in the fatherland, the father in Schwarzwald, Rhenish Germany, and the mother in Alsace, same province. Peter Schaaf was born in 1818 and came to the United States in 1806, and as he first settled in Erie county was considered one of its pioneers. After his marriage, he located at what was called New Germany, near McKean, but about two years afterward returned to Erie, and fixed his residence on State street near Twenty-fifth. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the manufacture of old fashioned oil cloth, for this purpose leaving his family in Erie and residing about one year in that city. Returning to Erie, he built a factory on the site of the buildings now owned by his son, William J., and then engaged in the manufacture of oil cloth for several years. In the distribution of his product, he sent men by wagon and on foot to different parts of the country, as far south as Pittsburg, west to Chicago and east to Buffalo, even embracing various Canadian points in his selling operations. After the manufacture of oil cloth by machinery began he abandoned the industry and then engaged in the brewing business with John Kalvalage in the old "Eagle Brewery" now incorporated as the Erie Brewing Company. He continued in that line for a number of years and then went into the grocery business on the corner of Sixth and French streets. Later he removed to the corner of Seventh and State streets (the Hughes Block); where he broadened out both as a wholesale and retail grocer under the firm name of P. Schaaf and Son, the son being George, who died at the age of twenty-seven years shortly after the firm was formed. This was during the Civil war period. In 1868 the senior Mr. Schaaf erected the building now occupied by William J., removed the business thither and continued at that location until his death in the spring of 1877. His sons, William J. and Peter, then conducted the business for about three years under the title of P. Schaaf's Estate, then purchasing it and conducting it until 1890. In the meantime they had added produce and commission to the scope of their operations, and when they dissolved partnership, about 1895, Peter assumed the grocery business and William J. continued the commission trade.

The mother of the family died in 1894 at the age of seventy-eight years, and of her eleven children, three sons and two daughters are now living. The entire family was as follows: George, deceased; Philip, who resides in Erie; Maria, who married U. Schlandecker, also of that city; Susan, who died as the wife of Captain Peter Schlandecker; Josephine, deceased, who married John Mehl of Erie; Michael and John, also deceased; Helen, who married Joseph Burger, and is deceased; Peter, residing in Erie; Francis, who married Charles Gunther, of that city, and

William J., of this sketch, the youngest child. All the living members of the family are identified with St. Mary's Catholic church.

William J. Schaaf was first educated in the St. Mary's parochial school; then spent one year at the Sisters Academy, which was followed by courses in the public schools and at the old Hubbard and Woods Commercial School, the latter being the pioneer institution of its kind in the city. He left school when he was fourteen years of age; then became his father's assistant in the store and his continuous business progress since, both in partnership and independently, has been already described. As a material addition to Mr. Schaaf's fine record, it should be stated that he served as a member of the city council many years ago, and that, although he performs his full duties as a good citizen, he gives his business the preference and mixes as little as possible with politics.

Mr. Schaaf's wife was Ida Vernon Kelsey, born at Conneaut, Ohio, daughter of Sidney and Mary (Gunnison) Kelsey. Her father was an old and well known journalist who died about 1901. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schaaf: Bessie and Florence, both deceased; William J., Jr., Clarence K. and Vernon K. Schaaf.

John J. Gredler. Long identified with hotel interests in the city of Erie, Mr. Gredler is now owner of the Fuhrman House, at the corner of Twenty-sixth and Cherry streets, where he caters to a large and appreciative patronage and has a specially well ordered hostelry. He is a valued member of the select council of the city of Erie, in which he is a representative of the Sixth ward, and his personal popularity is well indicated by his incumbency of this important official position, in which he has made an excellent record as a loyal and public-spirited citizen

John J. Gredler was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Greene township, this county, and the date of his nativity was December 25, 1874. He is a son of John and Catherine (Depinet) Gredler, the former of whom was born in Baden, Germany, in 1830, and the latter in the kingdom of Bavaria, that empire, in 1835. The paternal grandfather came with his family from Germany in 1837 and numbered himself as one of the sterling farmers of Erie county. He purchased land in Greene township, and there developed a valuable property. Both he and his wife continued to reside on this homestead until their death, and the old farm is now owned by their son John, father of him whose name initiates this article. John Gredler was seven years of age at the time of the family's immigration to America, and he was reared to manhood in Erie county, where he is now known as one of the substantial citizens and representative agriculturists of Greene township. Both he and his wife are devout communicants of the Catholic church.

John J. Gredler passed his childhood days on the ancestral homestead in Greene township, and early began to assist in the work of the farm. His preliminary educational training was secured in the parochial schools of the locality, and when he was about twelve years of age he came to the city of Erie, where he secured employment in a grocery store. In the meanwhile he also showed his ambition by attending night school in the old Seventh street school building, where he gained knowledge which placed him in line for success in connection with practical business affairs. He continued to be identified with

the retail grocery business for a period of about fourteen years, and he then entered the employ of William F. Schulce, who was proprietor of the old South Erie Hotel. Later he was similarly engaged with John Heuer and August Schulce, and finally he became associated in the service of the Erie City Hotel, at the corner of Eighteenth and Peach streets. In July, 1906, Mr. Gredler, now fortified by long and varied experience, engaged in the hotel business upon his own responsibility, by purchasing the Fuhrman House, a commodious and well appointed hotel, at the corner of Twenty-sixth and Cherry streets. He has since conducted this popular house with marked success and has gained a secure hold upon the appreciative support of his patrons. He has made numerous improvements on the hotel property and keeps all departments up to the highest possible standard.

In politics Mr. Gredler is arrayed as a stanch advocate of the principles and policies of the Democrat party and he has done effective service in the party cause. In February, 1907, he was elected a member of the select council of the city of Erie from the Sixth ward, to fill the unexpired term of Peter Wingerter. He has proved a valuable working member of the city's administrative body, and in the makeup of the council for 1908-09, he was assigned to the important committee of laws and franchises and was chairman of the committee on health, water and markets, and of the city hall committee. In the makeup of the council for 1909-10, he is chairman of the committee on streets and bridges, as well as that on health, water and markets, and is a member of the committee on laws and franchises and the city-hall committee. Through his official services he has amply justified the confidence of his constituents, and he maintains a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare and progress of the city in which he has so long made his home.

Mr. Gredler is identified with the local Moose lodge, and is affiliated with the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and the Knights of St. John. He holds membership in St. Alphonse's, Bavarian, and Maenerchor societies, the Eighteenth Street German Singing Society, the Cascade Park Club, the Keystone Club, the South Erie Turnverein, the Catholic Casino and the Erie Yacht Club; also the Chamber of Commerce and the South Erie Improvement Association. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church and are members of the Sacred Heart parish. In 1896 Mr. Gredler was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Liebel, daughter of Joseph Liebel, of Erie, and they have seven children, namely: Frank, Othmar, Joseph J., Marian, Louise, Cecelia, and Caroline.

William J. Willert. Among the representative business men of the city of Erie stands Mr. Willert, who here has charge of the interests of the Washburn-Crosby Flour Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is manager for this celebrated company's business in Erie and Crawford counties, and his selection for this office stands as voucher for the high reputation which he has attained for progressive ideas and administrative ability. As one of the able and popular business men of the younger generation in Erie county, he is well entitled to consideration in this publication; further than which such representation is due by reason of the fact that he is a native son of the county and a member of one of its honored families. He has gained success and prestige through his own well directed efforts, and his advancement has been

the result of ambition, close application and impregnable integrity of purpose.

William J. Willert was born on a farm in North East township, this county, October 21, 1879, and is a son of Herman F. and Frederica (Ohm) Willert, both natives of Germany, whence they were brought to America when children. The parents of the latter died in Germany, and she came to the United States with her paternal uncle, who settled in North East township, this county, where he became a successful farmer and where he passed the remainder of his life, as did also the paternal grandfather of William J. Willert. Herman F. Willert was reared to manhood in Erie county, and from his youth to the present time he has been identified with agricultural pursuits, in which connection he has been duly successful. He and his wife are now residents of Harbor Creek township, where he is the owner of a well improved farm.

William J. Willert was reared to the invigorating discipline of the farm, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the public schools of the village of North East. To attend the village schools he walked each day to and from the village, which is four miles distant from the home farm on which his boyhood days were passed. When about fourteen years of age Mr. Willert came to the city of Erie and secured a position in a grocery store located at the corner of Twelfth and Chestnut streets, and he received in compensation for his services the first year the sum of fifty dollars and his board. Thereafter he continued to be identified with the grocery business as a clerk for a term of years, and in 1903 he engaged in this line of enterprise for himself, at the corner of Seventh and Poplar streets, where he built up a substantial trade and gained prestige as a reliable and progressive business man. In 1906, he became manager of the business of the Erie Wholesale Grocery Company, and here he made a splendid record for careful and progressive administration. He retained the incumbency until the 1st of May, 1909, when he assumed his present important office of manager of the business of the Washburn-Crosby Flour Company, of Minneapolis, in the counties of Erie and Crawford. He maintains his official headquarters in Erie, and the interests of the great concern which he thus represents are sure to be continuously expanded in scope and importance under his control of his assigned territory. Mr. Willert is a valued member of the Erie Business Men's Exchange, is identified with various social organizations, and in politics he gives a loyal support to the cause of the Republican party.

In 1901 Mr. Willert was united in marriage to Miss Marie Grossholz, who was born in Germany, and who is a daughter of Adolph Grossholz, who is now one of the representative farmers of Fairview township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Willert have one child, Gertrude.

Jay C. Grove, the general agent for the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company and during the past sixteen years one of Erie's most prominent citizens, is a representative of one of the commonwealth's oldest families, he being of the sixth generation of the name in the state. Its founder in this country was David Grove, the great-great-great-grandfather of Jay C. This David Grove was born in Germany, but migrated to Holland at the time of the crusade, an about 1600 he came to America and located in Philadelphia. The paternal grandfather of Jay C. Grove was Abraham, who moved from Center to Mercer

county in 1828, and there purchased a tract of land of the Dicks of Meadville and for many years was a teacher in private German schools. Abraham Grove married Elizabeth Mook, whose people migrated to Mercer county contemporaneous with the Grove family.

Jacob Grove, one of the children of Abraham and Elizabeth, was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1811, and he married Katharine Vorhees, who was born in Mercer county August 13, 1813, and was a daughter of Rheineer Vorhees who had moved there from Washington county when the former yet formed a part of Crawford county. He was descended from one of three brothers of the family of Van Vorhees who had emigrated from Holland in 1600 and located in New Amsterdam, while later their descendants came west into Pennsylvania and other states. Jacob Grove was by trade a carpenter and he also did contracting, but in the main followed farming. Mrs. Grove, his wife, was killed in an accident on the Lake Shore Railroad March 10, 1873, and he died in Mercer county in the year of 1888.

Jay C. Grove, born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1853, attended the public schools and McElwain Institute, and for a time after the completion of this training he taught school. From the spring of 1871 until the fall of 1875 he was assistant postmaster at St. Petersburg in Clarion county, and in the last week of September, 1875, he accepted a clerical position in the service of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company, which was then known as the Shenango & Allegheny Railroad, at Harrisville, this state. From this clerical position he was advanced in a short time to agencies at various points on the line, later became clerk in the auditing department, still later became chief clerk in the general freight department, and climbing still higher was made traveling auditor and held that position for three years prior to his coming to Erie in 1893 to take charge of the Erie terminal of the B. & L. E. R. R. Company as freight and passenger agent. On the 1st of July, 1901, he was made general agent of the road in addition to his duties as local freight and passenger agent.

Mr. Grove married Satira J. Fry, who was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, to Louis and Hannah Frey, and their children are Dr. Chauncey W. Grove, a practicing physician in Geneva, New York, and Elizabeth Katharine. Mr. Grove is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade, and fraternally he is past master of Keystone Lodge No. 455, F. & A. M., past eminent commander of Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30, K. T., past potentate of Zem Zem Temple and a member of the Shrine Club. He and his family are members of the Central Presbyterian church.

Robert Edward Weschler. The city of Erie numbers among her progressive business men and worthy citizens Robert E. Weschler, a shoe merchant and a member of the city's board of education. He entered upon his business career after a good educational training and graduation from Clark's Business College of Erie as a salesman selling the old *Graphic* newspaper, of which John Miller, the author of the work, was then the editor. From that line of work, he entered the employ of M. A. Krug in the shoe business, and he was associated with that business house for thirteen years, and at the close of the period in 1901 he opened a shoe store for himself on State street. With the passing years his business has enlarged, and he is now proprietor of one of the largest shoe houses in the city of Erie, and is meeting with

desired success. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Men's Exchange, and in 1907 he was elected a member of the city's board of education on the Democratic ticket to represent the second ward.

Mr. Weschler was born in the Third ward of Erie on the 2d of February, 1877, a son of Leo B. and Pauline (Kimmeth) Weschler, and on the paternal side he is a grandson of Jacob Weschler, one of the oldest citizens of Erie and one of its old time malt dealers. His son Leo was born in this city, but Mrs. Weschler was a native daughter of Germany, and came to the United States and to the city of Erie when a young woman, and still living, she has reached the age of fifty-four years. Leo B. Weschler, her husband, died in the year of 1891. The six children born of their union are: Robert E., Charles L., Joseph S., Frank J., Harry J. and Frances. Robert E. Weschler attended the St. Joseph's school in Chicago, the Erie public schools, and as above stated is also a graduate of Clark's Business College. He married Mae C. Scharrer, of this city, and a daughter of one of its oldest residents, Jacob Scharrer. Mr. and Mrs. Weschler have four children, Joseph, Mildred, Robert E., Jr., and Anna Mae. Mr. Weschler has membership relations with the Knights of St. John, the Knights of Columbus and was one of the organizers of St. Mary's Ushers Society, in which he has filled all of the offices.

Major John W. Walker, one of Erie's oldest native-born citizens, and a retired member of the bar, was born April 19, 1832, and is a son of the late John H. Walker. He graduated from Princeton College in the class of 1854, read law in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar in the same year. After practicing two years in Erie, he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he practiced until 1860, and then returned to Erie, which has since been his home. In 1862 Mr. Walker raised Company K, of the One Hundred Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, of which he was commissioned Captain, and he commanded the company until after the Battle of Fredericksburg, at which time he was appointed paymaster in the United States army, with rank of major, and served in that capacity until the close of the war. He was mustered out with rank of lieutenant-colonel. He returned to Erie, but on account of ill health gave up the practice of his profession.

Mr. Walker became a Director of the Second National Bank of Erie, in 1869, which office he has filled continuously since that time, being the oldest member of the board, both in years and length of service. He has always been actively interested in public affairs, and was the nominee of the Democratic party for state senator in 1876, and again in 1880. In 1882 he was elected a member of the legislature, and was chairman of the committee on municipal corporations at that session. During the first administration of President Cleveland, he was appointed treasury agent, and during Cleveland's second administration he received the appointment for United States marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Major Walker was a member and Past Commander of W. L. Scott Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and took an active part in the establishing at Erie of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, contributing time and money in the cause. He was the first Grand Regent of Pennsylvania for the Royal Arcanum order, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Honor. He is a charter member of the Erie Club.

Major Walker married, June 18, 1861, Anna H., daughter of Honorable Samuel S. Harrison, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, member of Congress from that district. Major Walker and his wife are members of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

PRESCOTT METCALF. It would be difficult to name a single movement or institution which promised to advance the business, industrial or civic affairs of Erie, which was uninfluenced by the practical inspiration, abounding energy and wise councils of the late Prescott Metcalf. Transportation lines, by land and water; manufactories of various kinds; banks, business properties, schools, public works and churches—all owe a large share of their development and working usefulness to his large brain and warm heart. He was, in a word, a city-builder, if any resident of Erie may be justly classed under that title of nobility. Mr. Metcalf was of old New England stock, born at Putney, Wentworth county, Vermont, and a son of Joseph Metcalf, who spent the later years of his life in Erie. Prescott came to the city in his early manhood, and first entered the employ of his brother-in-law, Ira W. Hart. A few years thereafter he became associated with Rufus S. Reed, the great shipper and vessel owner and eventually had the active management of all his interests. This connection continued from 1840 to 1862, and during this period, as well as at a later date, he was prominent in the operation of a line of stage-coaches between Erie and Pittsburg, the construction of the Canada Southern Railway and the extension of the Erie canal and the Erie and the North-East Railroad. He was also one of the originators and incorporators of the Erie Cemetery, the Erie Gas Works, and the Dime Savings Bank, and was a trustee of the Erie Academy and the Park Presbyterian church. A mere mention of this fact is a faint indication of the breadth of his activities and influence. From 1860 to 1872 he was perhaps at the height of his standing as a public man and a promoter of real estate and property interests. In 1860, with Colonel Benjamin Grant, he erected the Wayne block on French street, and rebuilt the same, after its destruction by fire, in 1868. In 1866 he erected his fine residence on the corner of Ninth and Sassafras streets, and in 1872 put up the block on the west side of State street, between Seventh and Eighth. Mr. Metcalf was a member of the first common council of Erie in 1851; again served in that body in 1860; was on the board of education for many years, and was honored with the mayoralty in 1862-64. At a later period of his busy life he devoted much of his attention to the expansion of the city's industries. In 1872, with others, he established the Burdett organ factory, and in 1880 the Erie Malleable Iron Works. In the latter enterprise his associates were Capt. Douglass Ottinger, John Clemens and his eldest son, Joseph P.

On June 9, 1846, Prescott Metcalf was married to Miss Abigail R. Wilder, who was born in his native town of Putney, Vermont,—a striking and honored figure among the pioneers of Erie. Five children were born of this union, of whom Joseph P., the eldest, and George R., the youngest, were long associated with their father in the Erie Malleable Iron Works and other enterprises. Joseph P. Metcalf, who was born in Erie, April 15, 1847, was educated in the city schools, at Erie Academy, Cleveland (Ohio) Institute and Eastman Commercial College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Until 1870 he was engaged in various railroad projects in the vicinity of Erie after which he removed to Nebraska City, there organizing the National Bank, of which he was

cashier until 1873. In that year he returned to Erie and became interested in the organization of the Malleable Iron Works, holding the position of chairman of the controlling company until the time of his death. He also served for several terms in the common council. He was popular and highly respected in his business, social and fraternal relations, being a member of the Erie, Kahkwa and Cascade clubs and the Masonic order. In his religious faith, he was an Episcopalian, identified with St. Paul's church. His wife, to whom he was married October 11, 1877, was Miss Celia W. Fletcher, of Lockport, New York.

William Wilder, the second child born to Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Metcalf, died in infancy; Frederick W., the third, died September 2, 1890, at the age of thirty-nine years, and Nellie, the fourth, also passed away as an infant.

George Ralph Metcalf is a native of Erie, where he was born September 26, 1858, and received his education, in the more advanced courses, at the Erie High School, Erie Academy and a boarding school at Clinton, New York. For about a year after leaving school he was a coal operator at Columbus, Ohio, and then returned to Erie to associate himself with his father and brother, as a partner and secretary in the business of the Malleable Iron Works. In 1893 he was elected treasurer of the company and president in 1901. He succeeded his father as a director in the Erie Gas Company, becoming treasurer of the same in 1892. He is also vice president of the American Sterilizer Company of Erie, a director in the Second National Bank, and has other business and financial interests. Mr. Metcalf is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade; socially, is identified with the Erie, Kahkwa, Country, Yacht and Golf clubs, and his church relations are with the St. Paul's Episcopal society. Married September 3, 1885, to Miss Mary Richards, daughter of the late Captain John S. Richards, he is the father of two children—John Richards and George Ralph Metcalf, Jr.

Thomas J. Golden, President of the Washburn Manufacturing Company, a well-known citizen of Erie, was born at Lockport, New York, December 27, 1855, and is the son of Thomas and Marcella (Summers) Golden. The father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States when a young man, and located in Erie in 1865; he died in 1891 and his widow in 1903.

Thomas J. Golden received his education in the public school at Erie, attending the old East Ward School, now Number Two. When seventeen years of age he learned the trade of millwright, and entered the employ of Carroll Brothers, where for thirty years he had charge of a moulding machine. In 1905 Mr. Golden became a partner in Washburn Manufacturing Company, which enterprise was established in 1900 by Leon D. Washburn, at 1114 West Eighteenth Street, as a saw mill and box factory. Mr. Washburn died in 1908, and his interests were principally taken over by Mr. Golden and his family, he being president, and his son Herbert vice president. They have a flourishing business, and employ the services of twenty men at their plant, manufacturing wood specialties and boxes, also a mop, which they manufacture complete, and which has a market all over the United States.

Mr. Golden married Elizabeth Bradley, born at St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, daughter of James Bradley, and to them have been born the following children: Marcella married Charles Hart, of Erie;

Annette, married C. F. Beyerle, of Erie; Edward, died at the age of twenty-five years; Herbert, who is associated in business with his father; Joseph, married Lillian Albrecht; Isabelle and Marion Helen. Mr. Golden is interested in the progress and welfare of the community, and is a public-spirited and useful citizen. He is a member of St. Peters Roman Catholic church, also of the Knights of Columbus and of the Protected Home Circle. He also belongs to the Marquette and Erie Yacht Clubs.

JOHN CALVIN STURGEON. One of the leaders of the western Pennsylvania bar and a prominent Republican of the state, with a national reputation in patent law practice, John C. Sturgeon, of Erie, is a native of Fairview township, this county, where he was born on the 5th of October, 1841. His parents were Andrew and Eliza Jane (Caughey) Sturgeon. The father, a farmer, was born September 3, 1817, and died February 25, 1879, while the mother, whose birthday was April 14, 1816, passed away on the 1st of April, 1885. In their family of six children John C., of this sketch, was the eldest. Until he was about seventeen years of age the youth worked upon the home farm in Fairview township and attended district school, as well as Girard Academy. He then taught school and was a student at Allegheny College until the end of his junior year, when he entered the United States navy and served until the close of the Civil war. Soon afterward he commenced the study of the law, and in 1867 was admitted to the bar of Erie county; but after becoming qualified to practice entered the Harvard University law school for a more thorough and a broader review of his chosen field. On January 1, 1868, after his graduation therefrom, he commenced practice at Erie.

Mr. Sturgeon's pronounced natural ability and his thorough training were promptly recognized by the profession and the public of his home community, and in 1869 he was elected district attorney of Erie county on the Republican ticket. Three years of noteworthy public service followed in that office, when he resumed the general practice of his profession. His labors and progress continued along these lines for the first twenty years of his career, but for the past two decades he has devoted himself to the practice of patent law, in which he has reached a foremost rank. During this period he has become a familiar figure in the circuit courts, United States courts of appeals and the supreme court of the United States. For some years he has been professionally associated with H. M. Sturgeon, the firm being widely known and now having a number of important suits pending in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. For many years Mr. Sturgeon has been active and influential in the furtherance of Republicanism, having frequently served as a delegate to the conventions of his party. In 1899 his high standing both as a Republican and a lawyer was emphasized by a strong petition presented to the president—signed by the senators and congressmen from Pennsylvania and several other states—asking his appointment to the commissionership of patents. In 1904 he was chosen a presidential elector for the state of Pennsylvania and in that capacity cast his vote for Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Sturgeon has been an earnest fraternalist for half a lifetime, his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic even commencing forty years ago. He has been a Knight Templar in Masonry for upward of thirty years and a member of the Mystic Shrine since 1890. He is also a charter member of the Erie Board of Trade.

Mr. Sturgeon has been twice married, and by his second wife is the father of two sons. Ralph Andrew Sturgeon who served in the Spanish-American war and is now a construction engineer on a prominent western railroad, while Berry Albert Sturgeon, a member of the Erie county and California state bars, is engaged in law practice at Los Angeles, that state.

Tradition indicates that the Sturgeon family originated in the Netherlands under the name "Steerjon," and that various members emigrated to England about the twelfth century and settled in Northumberland, the northernmost county, where they became known as Sturgeons. The head of the family was ennobled for distinguished services to the Crown and, especially during the past century, several of the name have become eminent as scientists, Henry Sturgeon being known throughout the world as the discoverer of the electro magnet. The Sturgeon family was always a stanch supporter of Protestantism, and during the religious persecutions of the sixteenth century the American ancestors migrated from England to Derry, in the north of Ireland, where at the famous siege of that place by the royal forces, in 1689, one of the Sturgeon brothers was killed. The other survived and came to Philadelphia with William Penn in 1693. Nothing further is definitely known of the family until 1720, when Jeremiah Sturgeon, who is believed to be a descendant of the gallant defender of Derry, came to Hanover township, Lancaster county, where he settled with his wife (nèe Ellen Douglas). They became the parents of three sons, one of whom, Thomas, remained in Hanover township and married Margaret Corbet, daughter of Peter Corbet, a well known land owner of Lancaster county. They, also, had several children, and their son Samuel was the founder of the family in Erie county—the branch represented by John Calvin, of this biography. He was a Revolutionary soldier from Lancaster county and, as the records show, served in the fourth battalion of Associators, going into active service in December, 1775, and participating in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. In December, 1785, the state of Pennsylvania granted him a land warrant for fifty acres in recognition of his services. Samuel Sturgeon died in Hanover township (then Dauphin county) on the 2d of October, 1801. The deceased was twice married, having five sons by his first wife Margaret. Two of these, William and Jeremiah, emigrated to Erie county, in 1796, and founded the town of Fairview.

William, the eldest son, was born in West Hanover, Dauphin county, on July 10, 1768, and died in Fairview April 12, 1838. His wife was Miss Jane McEwen, who was born in West Hanover, August 1, 1767, and died in Fairview in 1818, mother of eleven children, one of whom was Thomas J., the grandfather of H. M. Sturgeon, the partner of the Sturgeon representative with whom this sketch especially deals. Jeremiah was born in West Hanover, Dauphin county, on the 10th of August, 1770; as stated, he migrated to Erie county in 1796, and died at Fairview, July 17, 1818. His wife was Miss Jane Moorhead, who was born October 30, 1776, and died at Fairview, June 30, 1864. She was the mother of six children, of whom Samuel C., the eldest, married Miss Martha Eaton and also became the father of six children. Both virtually passed their lives at Fairview, Samuel C. Sturgeon being born in 1801 and dying in 1878, and his wife, born May 12, 1813, passing away February 24, 1883.

Andrew Sturgeon, fifth child of Samuel and Margaret Sturgeon and of the second generation of the family native to America, was the grandfather of John Calvin, of this sketch. He was born at West Hanover, Dauphin county, and married Jane Finney (daughter of James Finney), who was also a native of that county, born February 5, 1775. They migrated to Tonawanda, New York, about 1805, from which the husband enlisted in the state militia for the war of 1812. In 1820 they located in Girard township, Erie county, where Mrs. Andrew Sturgeon died in 1849 and her husband in 1851. They were the parents of seven children, Andrew Sturgeon, their fifth child and third son, being the father of John C. By his marriage to Eliza Jane Caughey, December 15, 1840, Andrew Sturgeon became the father of John Calvin, Sheldon Franklin, Carson Jay, Mary Jane, Anna Vance and George Andrew Sturgeon. The main facts in the life of the first-born have already been given. Sheldon F., the second child, served in the United States navy during the Civil war, married Rosanna Lowry, and lives at Woodhull, Illinois, the father of eight children. Carson Jay, an electrical engineer and a manufacturer of electrical machinery, married Miss Lyda Campbell at Girard, Pennsylvania, and has had six children. Mary Jane died March 5, 1909, as the widow of George Platt, of Erie, and Anna Vance Sturgeon died March 11, 1857, when only seven years of age. George Andrew Sturgeon, the youngest, who is a Pittsburg lawyer, married Miss Mary L. Davis, by whom he has become the father of four daughters, two of whom are deceased.

The Caughey family, of whom John C. Sturgeon's mother is a member, is of old Scotch origin and Presbyterian faith. During the religious persecutions of the seventeenth century many of its representatives migrated from Scotland to the country around Donegal, Ireland, and about 1750 Francis Caughey, with a brother, came from that locality and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. There he died at the age of ninety-three years, the ancestor of the family in Erie county. The father of five children, his oldest son and child, Andrew, was born in Lancaster county, in 1756, and served in the Revolutionary war as a private in the third battalion of the county militia, Colonel Thomas Porter commanding. He commenced service in August, 1778, and is understood to have participated in the battle of Brandywine. He married his cousin, Elizabeth Caughey, and migrated to West Millcreek township, Erie county, settling about five miles west of the city of Erie, where he lived until his death, March 19, 1828. His wife had passed away March 25, 1826, and they were the parents of four sons and three daughters, the eldest of whom, John Caughey, was the father of fourteen children by his marriage to Miss Ann Vance Wilson. Eliza Jane, the fourth in order of birth, was the mother of John C. Sturgeon, of this sketch. Thus have been traced the main connections in the genealogies of the paternal and maternal side of Mr. Sturgeon's family.

Ernest Keppel. Inheriting those traits of industry, thrift and enterprise so characteristic of the German people, Ernest Keppel has steadily worked his way toward the upper rung of the ladder of success, and now, as superintendent of the lumber interests of Moore, Keppel & Company, is actively identified with one of the leading industries of Corry. A native of Germany, he was born, February 27, 1851, in Hirschberg, Thuringia, a son of Karl and Henrietta (Vogel) Keppel. Fur-

ther parental and ancestral history may be found elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the sketch of his brother, Henry M. Keppel.

But two years old when he came with his parents to this country, Ernest Keppel was brought up on a farm in Cattaraugus county, New York. When eight years old he began working for a neighboring farmer during seed time and harvest, receiving fifty cents a week, and his board, in the meantime staying at home during the winter seasons, and attending school. When eleven years of age, his services became so valuable that his wages were raised to five dollars a month. At the age of fourteen years he began teaming oil from Pit Hole to Titusville, Pennsylvania, continuing thus employed two years. Locating in Corry in 1867, he worked in a saw mill two years, and then entered the employ of Howard Brothers, who were then just embarking in business, and remained in their tannery until 1872. Beginning then his career as a lumberman, Mr. Keppel purchased a tract of timbered land in Dayton township, Cattaraugus county, New York, cut the timber, sold the bark and logs, and was there successfully employed until the timber was exhausted. He subsequently did the same thing in Allegany, New York, making money by the operation. Buying then a farm in Dayton township, he lived there a year, when, renting his land, he located in Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years, being employed not only as a hotel keeper, but in drilling for oil. Returning to Dayton township, he subsequently sold his farm, and bought two hundred acres of standing timber in Perrysburg, New York, where he was engaged in lumbering for two years. Locating next in Torpedo, Warren county, Mr. Keppel bought seven hundred acres of land, erected a saw mill, and for seven years was there employed in the manufacture of lumber. Trading off the cleared land to L. B. Wood for property in Warren county, he lived there a short time, and then disposed of the land. The ensuing three years, he lived in Perrysburg, New York, and the following two years was superintendent of a large lumber business in Forest county, Pennsylvania. Going then to Forest county, he in company with his brothers, Henry M. and Charles, bought seven hundred and sixty acres of timber, erected a mill, and worked for four years in clearing the land, carrying on a substantial business as lumber manufacturers and dealers. Since that time Mr. Keppel has been a resident of Corry, and superintendent of the Moore, Keppel & Company's lumber business, a position for which he is eminently fitted.

On April 7, 1872, Mr. Keppel married Maggie Schneider, who was born in Germany, a daughter of John Snyder. In 1855, accompanied by his wife, and their only child, then an infant, John Schneider emigrated to America, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, and being ninety days on the water. From New York City, he proceeded first to Buffalo, then to Dayton township, Cattaraugus county, where he bought a tract of wild land. Having cleared and improved a part of it, he sold at an advance, and moved to Allegany, where from a tract of timber he cleared and improved a good farm, erected a good set of buildings, and there resided until his death, at the age of sixty-seven years. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Fisher, four children were born, as follows: Margaret, wife of Mr. Keppel; Caroline; Benjamin; and Charles. The three younger children were born in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Keppel are the parents of nine children, namely: Lena, Mary, Henry, John, Lizzie, Charlie, Florence, Walter, and Clara. Lena, who married Will Dannahey, has passed to the life beyond. Mary, wife of

Edward Rhinehart, has one child, Clarence. Henry married Ethel Badjero, and they have two children, Lena and Rupert. John married Alda Snow, and they have three children, Karl, Mildred, and Myrtle. Lizzie, wife of Harvey Bowles, has one child, Margaret. Charles married Lottie Dewoody. Florence is the wife of Henry Bales. Politically Mr. Keppel is a Republican. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Keppel is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Corry. Mr. Keppel's father was Postmaster in old Germany.

LeGrand Skinner. The strong influence of ancestral traits on individual character and the determination of definite and noteworthy careers is quite remarkably illustrated in the genealogy and life of Le Grand Skinner—inventor, manufacturer and financier, and founder and president of the Skinner Engine Company, of Erie. He is a native of Pooleville, Madison county, New York, born May 23, 1845, and from both sides of the family is descended from inventors and pioneer manufacturers. It would appear that for generations his life lines have been clearly converging to the career which he has followed since early youth. The American branch of the Skinner family originated in eleven brothers, who, during colonial times, emigrated from England and settled in Massachusetts and Connecticut. His maternal ancestors, the Eatons, were of Lancashire, England, and came to Plymouth in the "Mayflower," but soon returned to England. His paternal ancestry is directly from the Connecticut Skinners, his grandfather, Isaac Skinner, migrating from his home in that state and making his way through the dense woods of southern New England into the wilderness now included in the thickly settled section of New York known as Madison county. The Eatons had, in the meantime, re-established themselves in New England, and the maternal grandfather of LeGrand Skinner also became a pioneer of Madison county. He built a log cabin near the present town of Eaton, erected a dam to supply water power, and began the manufacture of woolen goods, his mill being among the first to manufacture such goods west of Connecticut. Frank Skinner, who became the father of LeGrand, when a small boy accompanied his parents to Madison county, and showed decided talents at an early age, both as an inventor and a skilled mechanic. Among his practical inventions may be mentioned a continuous candle-molding machine, which is still in use, and a riving machine for the manufacture of shingles. The father moved from New York state to New Jersey, dying in the later state in 1907, aged eighty-four years. The mother was Charlotte Eaton, a native of Pooleville, New York, whose father was a pioneer woolen manufacturer of Springfield, Massachusetts, who spent his later years in Madison county. Mrs. Frank Skinner died in 1901.

The boyhood days of LeGrand Skinner were spent in the little town of Eaton, to which he went to reside with an uncle when he was sixteen years of age. This uncle (Wood) was the second manufacturer of portable engines in the United States, and was an earnest and valued instructor to his ambitious nephew, who remained with him until 1868. During this period LeGrand was not only perfecting himself in the manufacturing business, but spent considerable time in the tool room of the Remington Arms Manufacturing Company at Illion, New York. In 1868 he constructed his first engine after his own designs, his work being conducted in a little shop built on the site where stood the little log cabin previously mentioned and which had been built by his maternal

grandfather near the town of Eaton in the real pioneer days of Madison county. After remaining in service for about sixteen years, this first product of Mr. Skinner's inventive and mechanical talents came again into his possession and is now one of his most precious belongings.

In 1871 Mr. Skinner began the manufacture of engines at Chittenango, New York, subsequently conducted a like business in Chicago for a time, and on July 3, 1873, established a small manufacturing plant in the Lilley shop, Erie. Not long after the expansion of his business forced him to rent larger quarters in John Coats shop, and in 1875 he formed a partnership with Thomas Wood, who was still connected with the United States navy. The firm of Skinner and Wood occupied a new shop for their business, erected by the late John Selden in 1877, and in 1881 the proprietors built a plant themselves at the corner of Twelfth and Chestnut streets. In 1902 the large addition to the main shops was completed, and the entire manufactory is now one of the largest and most complete in the city. The firm of Skinner and Wood was dissolved in 1883, and for the succeeding two years Mr. Skinner conducted the business alone, but in 1885 the Skinner Engine Company was incorporated, with himself as president. He is also one of the organizers and incorporators of the Union Iron Works, of which he is a director. Before her marriage, Mr. Skinner's wife was Miss Hannah Harrington, a native of Chittenango, New York, daughter of P. D. Harrington. Two children have been born of this union: Allan David Skinner who is now in charge of the sales department of the Skinner Engine Company, while Helen died at the age of six years.

Judge Frank Gunnison. In a history of the legal profession in Erie it is imperative that mention be made of Judge Frank Gunnison, whose record has at all times been a credit and honor to the city of his nativity. With thorough understanding of the principles of law and actuated by high professional ideals, he made a splendid record during his ten years' service on the bench, and in private practice has been most successful, enjoying now a large and distinctively representative clientage. He was born February 2, 1848, in the city which is now his home, his parents being the late Jonas and Charlotte (Spafford) Gunnison, the former a native of Erie county and the latter of the state of New York. The father was a prominent Erie attorney and as a leading citizen wielded a wide influence in molding public thought and shaping public action. He was called to represent his district in the state legislature, where he gave careful consideration to each question that came up for settlement. In his death in 1871 the county lost one of its valued citizens. His widow still survives.

Judge Gunnison pursued his elementary education in the public schools and afterward attended the Erie Academy and the University of Michigan in the acquirement of his more specifically literary course. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he began reading under the direction of his father and subsequently entered the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1870, winning the degree of Bachelor of Law. On the 5th of February of that year he was admitted to the bar at Erie and at once entered upon active practice in connection with General D. B. McCreary, with whom he was associated until 1875. He was afterward alone in practice until 1886, when his professional ability led to his selection for the office of president judge of the sixth judicial district. He served on the bench for the

full term of ten years and was uniformly urged to stand for a re-election but personal reasons caused him to decline and re-enter upon private practice. His decisions indicated strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. Because of a well rounded character, finely balanced mind, splendid intellectual attainments and high professional ideals he was most successful in the discharge of the multitudinous delicate duties which devolve upon him who occupies the bench. He is now enjoying an extensive private practice of an important character and moreover is interested in a number of business enterprises, including the Second National Bank, of which he is a director.

In 1872 Judge Gunnison was united in marriage to Miss Lila L. Lowry, a daughter of the Hon. Morrow B. Lowry, of Erie, and unto them has been born one son, Morrow B. Well known in the social circles of the city, Judge Gunnison enjoys the respect, confidence and good will of his fellow townsmen and at all times he can be counted upon to further any movement or measure for the general good. He is a public-spirited citizen and one whose efforts for municipal advancement have ever been of a most practical character. His ability as a lawyer has carried him into important professional relations and he is widely recognized as a safe counselor and able advocate.

John S. Rilling. A lawyer of Erie, Pennsylvania, and ex-president of its Board of Trade and deeply interested in commercial and educational matters, John S. Rilling was born in Mill Creek township, Erie county, July 22, 1860, being the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Ackerman) Rilling. The parents were both natives of Tuebingen, Germany, which is the seat of the famous Tuebingen University. There the father was born on the 7th of February, 1820. In 1834, when his son was fourteen years of age, Stephen Rilling, (the grandfather of John S.,) emigrated with his family to the United States, coming direct to Erie county and locating on a farm just south of Erie City. Stephen Rilling was a millwright by trade and erected many of the old mills of Erie county. He died in 1866, his wife having preceded him in the early fifties. The mother of John S. Rilling was born August 21, 1827, and both parents are living.

John S. Rilling, obtained his early education in the public schools of Mill Creek township; completed a course at the Edinboro State Normal; taught school for two terms and then read law in the office of Davenport and Griffith of Erie. On February 19, 1885, he was admitted to practice. On February, 2, 1897, he formed a partnership with Henry E. Fish under the firm name of Rilling and Fish. On April 15, 1907, the firm became Gunnison, Rilling and Fish, ex-Judge Frank Gunnison being the senior member of the firm which is one of the strongest and most progressive in Erie county. Mr. Rilling has attained a substantial position at the local bar and is also a leader in all the commercial and public movements designed for the advancement of the best interests of Erie. He served as president of the Erie Board of Trade for the year ending 1907. He has also been prominently interested in the transportation affairs of Erie City being one of the organizers and operators of the Conneaut & Erie Traction Company. In works of charity and educational movements Mr. Rilling has attained equal prominence. He was one of the organizers and incorporators, as well as secretary, treasurer and president of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Since 1887 he has served as solicitor for the School district of the city of Erie and his standing was such, both as an educator and attorney, that the Governor of Pennsylvania appointed him a member of an Educational Commission to prepare a School Code of the State of Pennsylvania which was passed by the Legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor on account of its having been mutilated after its passage. As he was the only lawyer on the Commission a most important part of the work fell to him.

Mr. Rilling was married October 20, 1887, to Miss Stella Armstrong, of Erie, a daughter of Andrew Armstrong, a gallant soldier of the Civil war who was killed at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House. Their children are: Marion E. and Ruth A. Rilling.

Dr. George Bigham Kalb, of Erie, is a leader in the general practice of medicine and surgery and has a more extended reputation as a specialist in diseases of children and the scientific treatment of tuberculosis. The American founder of the Kalb family, Martin, was a native of the Rhine Palatinate, Germany, and in 1729 emigrated to Philadelphia county, that locality being the home of several generations. The doctor was born in Circleville, Ohio, on the 22nd of September, 1862, and is a son of George Lewis and Mary Elizabeth (Bigham) Kalb, his mother's ancestors being Scotch-Irish. After pursuing courses at Oberlin (Ohio) College and Indiana University, in 1883, George B. was matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated as president of the class of 1886. His first location for practice was at Audenried, Pennsylvania, as assistant to Dr. W. R. Longshore, with whom he remained for about five years, then removing to Jeddo, Luzerne county, where, for eight years, he was in charge of the colliery practice of G. B. Markle and Company. In 1898 he located at Erie, engaging in the general practice of medicine and especially in the treatment of children's diseases.

Since his graduation from Jefferson Medical College, Dr. Kalb has been actively and almost continuously engaged in practice, virtually the only interruption to his practical labors being the two semesters of 1895 and 1896 which he spent at Munich, and Vienna taking post-graduate work. Besides being active in the conduct of his extensive practice as a pediatrist, the doctor is surgeon on the Hamot Hospital of Erie, examining physician to the Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives of Philadelphia and visiting physician to the Grand View Sanitarium for Tuberculosis at Oil City, Pennsylvania. He has been honored with the presidency of the Medical Society of the Middle Anthracite Coal Fields and also served as secretary and president of the Erie County Medical Society, and his reputation has been even more broadly extended by his numerous and valuable contributions to the leading medical journals of the country. And his activities and his prominence are not even confined to the field of his profession, as he is a director in the Erie Trust Company and the Petroleum Telephone Company of Oil City, and is a director in the Mutual Telephone Company of Erie, and interested in other financial and semi-public concerns. He is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Associated Charities of the city, a Royal Arch Mason and an elder in the Presbyterian church, in whose charitable and religious work he has been active for many years. On January 4, 1888, Dr. Kalb married Miss Margaret I. Leffler, of Stockton, California, who died August 30, 1893, leaving one daughter,

Lucile. On November 17, 1895, he wedded Miss Letta B. Merriman, of Kenton, Ohio, and the child of this union is Miriam Elizabeth Kalb.

Grant J. Smith, a leading commission merchant of Erie, president of the board of county commissioners and a leading Republican of the locality, is a native of the county named, and was born in Phillipsville, Venango township, January 16, 1868. His parents, Robert T. and Emily (Fritz) Smith, are also both natives of that place, the father born in 1821 and the mother in 1831. The family is of Irish origin, the grandfather, John Smith, a native of that country, coming to Erie county at an early date and being one of the early pioneers of Venango township when that part of the state was a virtual wilderness. His wife was a Miss Taylor. The grandfather mentioned passed the last years of his life in Venango township, dying there at the age of ninety-one years. The father of Grant J. died in 1887 from injuries received by the accidental discharge of his gun. The deceased was a very successful farmer, widely beloved and a prominent man in many respects. He had held all of the township offices and at the time of his death was a member of the board of directors of the Harbor Creek Mutual Fire Insurance Company. His taking away was much regretted and his funeral was attended by one of the largest concourses which ever honored a like occasion. The widow survived her husband until 1903. Both were long active and devoted members of the Presbyterian church.

Grant J., of this review, was reared on the home farm, attended the district schools of the neighborhood and, as his father died when the son was nineteen years of age, the latter remained on the old farm assisting in its management and in the care of the dependent members of the family. He was thus occupied until 1892 when he removed to Erie and entered his present field, that of the commission business. For a number of years past Mr. Smith has been a progressive figure in Republican politics and local public affairs. He served as tax collector of Venango township for about two years and in 1905 was elected a member of the board of commissioners of Erie county, assuming that office January 1, 1906, and his record was so entirely satisfactory that he was re-elected by a flattering majority in 1908. Following the death of Commissioner McClellan, in May, 1906, he was honored with the presidency of the board and fulfills its duties with ability and dignity. In his financial relations he is an active member of the Erie board of trade and Chamber of Commerce and in Masonry has reached the thirty-second degree and naturally identified with the local Shriners Club.

Mr. Smith's wife was formerly Miss Jennie McCrea, who was born in Mill Creek township, Erie county, and is a daughter of John and Jane (Kimball) McCrea, both deceased. The children of their union are Florence, born June 1, 1898, and Robert G., who died in 1899, aged three weeks.

Emanuel Waidler Roland, a leading grocer of Erie, this county with a fine establishment at No. 601 West Seventeenth street, is a native of the county, born on a farm in West Mill Creek township, on the 19th of December, 1858. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Garloch) Roland, the father being born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1829, and the mother, in Summit township, Erie county, on the 15th of August, 1836. William Roland, the grandfather, was also a native of Lancaster county, who married Mary Garber, born in the same county.

Both the Rolands and the Garbers are of English stock, the first American forefathers emigrating to this country about two centuries ago. Jacob, the father of Emanuel W., left the ancestral home in Lancaster county when a young man, and located in Mill Creek township, this county, where he married, and engaged successively in farming and mercantile pursuits. Four years before the Civil war he removed to Michigan, from which state he entered the Union ranks and served until the close of hostilities. His death occurred on the 15th of August, 1905. His widow is a daughter of Andrew Garlock, a native of Wittemburg, Germany, who married a cousin by that name and came to Erie county about 1835. Mrs. Jacob Roland is a devoted member of the German Evangelical church, and is a highly honored pioneer of the county.

E. W. Roland, of this sketch, was reared on the family homestead in West Mill Creek township, received a district school education, and followed farming in different parts of Erie county until his marriage in 1888. He then established a homestead on the Lake road in Fairview township and for three years engaged in agricultural pursuits. On March 15, 1891, he became a resident of Erie and engaged in the retail grocery business on the corner of Eighteenth and Cherry streets, associating himself with his brother, Levi, under the firm name of Roland Brothers. In 1896 they erected the store at No. 601 West Seventeenth street, and remained in partnership until 1897, when E. W. purchased his brother's interest and has since been sole proprietor of the business. Mr. Roland was also one of the promoters of the Erie Wholesale Grocery Company, of which he was one of the original stockholders and of which (since January 15, 1909) he has been a director. He is an active member of the Business Men's Exchange; is a Republican in politics, and in his religious faith is identified with the Chestnut Street Presbyterian church.

On February 21, 1888, Mr. Roland married Miss Minnie H. Bochner, born in West Mill Creek township, on the 27th of September, 1864, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Sherman) Bochner. The father was born in Fairview, Erie county, his people coming here from Lancaster county at an early date. He died in the winter of 1900, but Mrs. Bochner is still alive—a goodly specimen of the intelligent, sturdy, honorable women produced by her German fatherland. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roland:—Harrison L., who was born December 28, 1889, and died December 25, 1900, and Elsie Elizabeth Roland, whose birth occurred June 1, 1893.

Robert J. Moorhead. Possessing in a marked degree the pronounced ability, forceful individuality, and perseverance of purpose that win success in business circles, and command universal respect, Robert J. Moorhead is actively associated with the financial growth and prosperity of the city of Erie, and as president of the Security Savings and Trust Company of Erie is prominently identified with one of the leading institutions of this part of Erie county. A man of great enterprise and energy, he has done much towards promoting the mercantile and manufacturing interests of Western Pennsylvania, and as a banker has carried on business with credit and success, being now one of the leading financiers of Erie, of which he is to all intents and purposes a citizen, although he still maintains his family residence in his old home town, North East. He was born, April 2, 1852, in Moorheads, Harbor Creek township, Erie county, which was the birthplace, likewise, of his par-

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ents, Joseph Byers and Eliza (Hampson) Moorhead. His grandfather, John Moorhead, with his brothers, Robert and George, located in Erie county in the early part of the last century, in Harbor Creek township, in the town of Moorheads, which was named in their honor.

Brought up on the farm, hewed from the forest by his father, Joseph Byers Moorhead, was there engaged in tilling the soil until 1865, when he removed with his family to North East, where for a period of eight years he was employed in the forwarding and commission business. Locating in Cadiz, Ohio, in 1873, he remained there until his death, March 10, 1880. His widow subsequently returned to her old home in North East, where her death occurred, September 6, 1891.

In 1869, having completed his studies at the North East Academy, Robert J. Moorhead worked as a book-keeper in one of the business houses for a year, and was afterwards book-keeper for a similar length of time in the First National Bank of North East. Coming from there to Erie in April, 1871, Mr. Moorhead took charge of the books of the Second National Bank, and in October, 1872, went to Foxburg, Clarion county, to assume charge of the local Savings Bank which was owned, principally by Erie people. Embarking in the oil brokerage business in 1874, Mr. Moorhead was first located at Parker's Landing, then at Oil City, from there going to Pittsburg, where he remained until 1885, when he returned to North East. In 1888 Mr. Moorhead purchased the controlling interest in the Short Manufacturing Company, of North East, being made president of the company. He was subsequently made president of the Security and Savings Trust Company of Erie and has since performed the duties devolving upon him in this capacity with recognized ability and fidelity, rendering it one of the strongest financial institutions in the county.

GEORGE E. HIGHMYER, the owner and proprietor of one of the valuable estates of Harbor Creek township, known as the Pleasant View Fruit Farm, is a member of one of the stanch old pioneer families of Erie county. Simon Highmyer, his father, was a German by birth, and coming from his native land to the United States, he located in Erie county in 1830, and was here married to Maria Pherrin, from Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was a cooper by trade, and his death occurred while serving his adopted country in the Civil war in 1862. His widow then moved to Mill Creek township in Erie county, and died there in the year of 1889.

George E. Highmyer, the elder of their (3) sons, was born in Fairview township, Erie county, May 19, 1853, and remaining at home with his mother until his marriage, he then lived for four years in Mill Creek township. At the close of that period he purchased his present homestead of forty acres in Harbor Creek township, and has built thereon a valuable brick residence and has devoted his land to the raising of grapes and peaches and small fruit. The farm is well improved and splendidly adapted to the raising of fruit.

Mr. Highmyer married April 16, 1885, Emma Ripley, born in Greene township, Erie county, a daughter of David and Mary Ann (Kuhl) Ripley. Their only child, a son Ray, died when but two years of age, but in their home are two adopted children, a niece and a nephew, Elma and Ira. Elma has finished high school and Ira is in the seventh grade. One brother of Mr. Highmyer, Frank Highmyer, died in 1899, and the other A. C. resides in Erie, a carpenter of P. and E. shops; he is married

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and has three children. George E. Highmyer is a Republican in his political affiliations and he and family are members of the Presbyterian church in Harborcreek township.

Clarence C. French, one of Erie county's leading and enterprising business men, is the proprietor of an extensive optical and jewelry establishment at No. 923 State street. The coördinating forces usually found in those who have traveled the pathway of success, have combined in him in large measure, spurring him onward in the pursuit of a noble purpose, until now he has a business established upon a solid financial basis and honorably takes his place among those who are maintaining the industrial worth of the city as a center of trade and field of business opportunities. His career, however, has not been without its obstacles and discouragements but the firm resolution he early formed to enter business on his own account and succeed has enabled him to surmount all difficulties confronting him and, by persistent effort reinforced by patience and perseverance, he has mastered every situation so that now he owns and controls an enterprise which is not only a gratifying source of revenue to himself but also a credit to the city.

A native of Corning, New York, born March 4, 1866, Mr. French is a son of George Edward and Cynthia Ann (Davis) French. His father was also a native of the Empire state, while his mother's nativity occurred in Connecticut. In the Keystone state and in Center county George E. French engaged in the lumber business until death terminated his activities. His widow now resides in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Mr. French was well known throughout the lumber regions of the state and the honorable relations he sustained in all his business transactions won him the respect and confidence of all with whom he had dealings as honest and reliable.

In Center county Clarence C. French was reared and spent his boyhood days. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and after mastering the branches of study taught there, he became associated with his father in the lumber business. In this connection he remained until 1884 when, desirous of adopting another calling and, preferring that of a jeweler, he went to Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, where he served his apprenticeship in the watchmaking establishment of E. A. Davis & Son. Seeking further opportunity whereby to acquire a better knowledge and greater skill at the trade, he went to Oil city, Pennsylvania, in 1889 where he spent two years with Shapperle Brothers, jewelers and expert watchmakers, who for years were at the head of a department at Tiffany's, New York City. Still anxious to further add to his capacity for usefulness and, in order to broaden his field of endeavor, he completed a course of instruction at the Julius King School of Optics, at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1891. In that year, coming to Erie, Mr. French entered the employ of Edward Hoffman, jeweler. Two years later, or in 1893, considering his ability and experience adequate to meet the public demand, he began business on his own account as a jeweler and optican at No. 925 State street. His venture was on a small scale and he rented a window in an insurance office. For eight years he labored diligently with a view to producing the highest class work and to pleasing his patrons by the substantial nature of his services, so that his busines gradually grew, until, in 1901 his volume of trade necessitating larger quarters, he removed to

his present location at No. 923 State street. Here he occupies a capacious store and conducts one of the leading establishments of the kind in the city, carrying a complete line of solid gold jewelry and optical goods. Watch repairing is his specialty and his business is of such proportions to require the assistance of four regular employes. Mr. French's commercial career has been one of even growth, due to his progressive spirit, his professional skill and, above all, to the straightforward methods which characterize his transactions.

Mr. French was united in marriage to Miss Laura Hudson, a native of Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Robert Hudson. To this union have been born two children: Hudson and Helen May. Public-spirited and alive to the highest interests of the city he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the Business Men's Exchange. His fraternal relations are with Perry Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Mr. French is highly respected, both socially and as a business man and is a substantial factor in the city's commercial life.

Edward D. Carter. The only lake port in the state, the city of Erie is advantageously located, and has been identified with the development of some of the more important commercial industries of Pennsylvania. In the promotion and advancement of several of these industrial lines, Edward D. Carter has been a native and conspicuous factor, being especially prominent in business circles. Distinguished as a native of Erie county, he was born, January 31, 1853, in Mill Creek township, a son of John H. Carter, a farmer of prominence. His paternal grandparents, John and Mary (High) Carter, emigrated from England to this country in 1835, bringing with them their five children, and settling on a farm in Erie county.

John H. Carter was born in county Norfolk, England, February 24, 1821. Coming with his parents to Pennsylvania at the age of fourteen years, he assisted his father in clearing and improving a homestead, early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits. With the exception of a few years spent in Erie, he was engaged in tilling the soil during his years of activity, his farming estate in Mill Creek township being one of the best improved and most valuable in that vicinity. In 1838 he married Anna Heidelbaugh, who was born and reared in Lancaster county, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Mary, wife of William Hardwick, of Erie; George W., of Erie, senior member of the retail shoe firm of G. W. Carter & Co.; Edward D., of this sketch; Alfred; John L.; and Mrs. Luella Bacon.

Brought up on the home farm, Edward D. Carter received his preliminary education in the district schools. He subsequently attended the Edinboro normal school, after which he took a course of study at the Iron City Commercial College, in Pittsburg. Securing then a position in that city, he remained there two years, in the meantime obtaining a practical insight regarding business pursuits. Coming then to Erie, Mr. Carter, in company with his brother, G. W. Carter, was for five years engaged in the grocery business. In 1876 he embarked in the fish business, which was the beginning of his connection with an industry which he has since continued with great profit to himself, and to the advancement of a good paying business, for, in 1893, the Erie Fish Association, in which he was financially interested for many years, was organized, and he was made its president. During that period, Mr. Carter

was made president of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Electric Light Company, of which he was a promoter, and one of the organizers. He is still actively interested in many of the leading corporations of the city, among others being the Erie and Carter Steamship Companies, of which he is president and general manager; the Erie Company, electric light, construction, and steam heat, of which he is likewise president; and the Security Savings and Trust Company, of which he is the vice president, and a director. Mr. Carter's commercial standing is irreproachable, and his indomitable energy and perseverance enable him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On October 10, 1873, Mr. Carter married Clara, daughter of John Robinson, of Erie, and into their household two children have been born, Maud and Carl. Politically a sound Republican, Mr. Carter has served as a member of the Select Council of Erie. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and to the Royal Arcanum.

Capt. Edward L. Whittelsey, of Erie, and one of the leading members of the Erie legal profession, is a native of Connecticut, born in Litchfield county, October 5, 1841, son of Henry R. and Mary A. (Parmlee) Whittelsey, both natives of Connecticut and of English descent.

The captain lived on a farm until he was eight years old, and from that time on until he was nineteen he attended school. He began reading law in Erie, before he reached his majority, but abandoned his legal studies, July 29, 1861, in order to enlist in the Eighty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served throughout the war; was regularly promoted to a captaincy, was wounded at the battle of Bull Run, and was discharged from the service on June 28, 1865. In 1869, Captain Whittelsey was elected to the office of prothonotary of Erie county, and upon the expiration of his first term he was re-elected, and served until January, 1876. Retiring from public office, he again took up the study of law, this time in the office of Benson & Brainard, of Erie, and in 1877 he was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of law, at which he has since continued with success and distinction.

Captain Whittelsey married Charlotte, daughter of Henry Hunt, now deceased; and the fruits of their union were six children, four of whom are living, as follows: Maude, Ruth, Mary and Kate. He married for his second wife Miss Isabelle Farley, of Erie. The captain is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church.

Lyman L. Lamb. Within the pages of this work will be found mention of those representative citizens who have contributed to the civic and material development and progress of Erie county, and among those meriting a place of distinction is the subject of this memoir, who was long a prominent and influential factor in the business affairs of the city of Erie and who was a citizen of sterling character, holding a commanding place in the esteem and confidence of the community in which were centered for so long a term of years his various interests. He was a man of forceful individuality and was associated with many enterprises of importance, which tended to conserve the general welfare of his home city and county.

Mr. Lamb was born at Homer, Cortland county, New York, April 30, 1817, and was a member of a family early founded in the old Empire state and one whose name has been identified with American history since the colonial era. He was reared and educated in his native state, where he maintained his home until 1837, when he took up his residence at Townville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the produce business. With the successful production of coal oil in the fields of Titusville, that county, in the summer of 1859, there was opened to him a broader field of enterprise. He identified himself with the oil industry and for a number of years was one of the successful operators in that section of the state, where he laid the foundatoin for the competence which it was his to gain through well directed efforts. In the winter of 1864 Mr. Lamb became a resident of the city of Erie, where he established himself in the coal business, in which line of enterprise he continued for many years and in which his operations attained to extensive proportions. He also identified himself with other business enterprises. In 1865 he became one of the organizers and incorporators of the Keystone National Bank, of Erie, and he was a director of this old and substantial institution at the time of his death. In 1868 he was one of the interested principals in the organizing of the Dime Savings & Loan Company, now known as the Erie Trust Company, and he served as president of the institution for some years. Subsequently to that time he lived virtually retired from active business.

Mr. Lamb was a citizen who manifested a loyal interest in all that tended to conserve the general welfare of the community, and his public spirit was ever to be depended upon. Though never active in the domain of politics he gave a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, and his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. In his death, on the 29th of October, 1890, Erie lost one of her most useful and honored citizens.

In November, 1840, Mr. Lamb was united in marriage to Miss Miranda Town, daughter of Noah Town, the founder of Townville, Crawford county, this state, whither he came from Granville, Washington county, New York. in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb became the parents of eight children. Mrs. Lamb still maintains her home in Erie, where she is held in affectionate regard by all who know her.

Henry Himberger. Contracting lines in Erie have afforded numerous openings through which many have traveled to prosperity and among those who in this direction have perseveringly applied their energies so that they are numbered among those who are leaders in industrial lines here is Henry Himberger, who is one of the best known building contractors in this part of the state. He is a man whose business relations have been conducted upon the basis of a high standard of commercial ethics and this with his aggressive spirit has enabled him, from year to year, to so enhance his trade interests and increase his popularity that today he holds an enviable position among those engaged in similar lines of occupation. He was born in Huron county, Ohio, near Monroeville, November 19, 1862, a son of William and Minnie (Horn) Himberger, natives of the fatherland, born in 1813 and 1821, respectively. They were united in marriage in the old country in 1842, coming to the new world in 1851 and locating in Huron county, Ohio. There the elder Mr. Himberger engaged in agricultural pursuits,

in which he was quite successful, being known as one of the most progressive farmers throughout the community and at the same time being highly respected for the part he took in the development of the natural resources of the place and his interest in community affairs. In their family were the following children: William, whose birth occurred in the fatherland and who now resides in Norwalk, Ohio; Kate, also born in the fatherland and who wedded George Lowe, they now residing in Michigan; Jennette, also a native of Germany, the deceased wife of Jacob Springer; Louis, deceased, his birth having occurred in Germany; Minnie, a native of Germany and the wife of John Leng, this couple residing in this city; Mary, a native of Ohio and the wife of Frederick Linder, residents of Michigan; Charles, also a native of Ohio, who resides in the west; and Henry. Their father met death from injuries received incident to a run-away in the year 1876.

On the home farm Henry Himberger spent his boyhood days, remaining in the pursuit of agriculture until he was eighteen years of age, in the meantime being given the advantage of an education in the public schools. At that period of his life he entered business for himself and became an employe in a planing-mill at Norwalk, Ohio, where he remained for one year. In September, of the year 1882 he repaired to this city, where he secured work with a carpenter and, being an expert workman, soon gained wide popularity for the character of his artisanship and in 1884, feeling confident of his own ability to enter the industrial world on his own account, he undertook contracting independently. As may be supposed his beginning was on a small scale but, being industrious and enterprising and at the same time giving careful attention to the character of his work, always endeavoring to give value received, he soon gained prestige and from year to year enhanced his trade so that at the present time he is numbered among the leading and most reliable building contractors of the city. His knowledge of the building trades is based upon careful and scrutinizing study, being exhaustive in every department and he served as building inspector of Erie from May, 1903, to the same month, 1905, in this position deporting himself with exceptional ability and satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Himberger is a strong character whose perseverance in striving to perfect himself in the round of trade he is following has made him master of its every department and as a contractor and builder he has done excellent work throughout the city and is accounted one of the most worthy citizens and dependable, industrial factors.

On the 3d of June, 1884, Mr. Himberger wedded Carolina Steidle, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and to this union have been born the following children: Edwin, who died in infancy; Elfreda W. L.; and Oscar Carl, who is a student at Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Himberger is deeply concerned in all projects and measures designed for the general welfare of the business interests of the city and consequently is a leading member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, and was elected school director of the Sixth ward in February, 1909. Fraternally his relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is also a member of the Erie Maennerchor. His record is in every sense creditable and he has maintained his career on the basis of sound commercial ethics so that now he is entitled to honorable mention among Erie's leading business men.

William Hardwick, president of the Erie Engine and Union Iron Works, ex-mayor of the city and ex-president of its board of trade, is a man who seems to assume leadership in whatever field he enters, in fact, there are few citizens of Erie who may be considered its truly representative man in more senses than Mr. Hardwick, since he has been an active force in the industrial, financial, civic and social progress of the city. He is a native of England, born December 1, 1847, son of John and Ann Hardwick, the family coming to Erie in 1852, when William was but five years of age. Since that time he has made Erie his home. He was educated in its public schools until he reached the age of eleven years, when he left the school room for the work shop, becoming an apprentice at the machinist's trade, with Liddell Marsh & McCarter now the Erie City Iron Works. Having mastered his trade he followed it for some time but rose so rapidly that before long he had reached the position of foreman of the Bay State Iron Works and after a period of nine years was promoted to the general superintendency of that great plant.

In 1879 Mr. Hardwick commenced his career as a manufacturer, associating himself with Frank F. Cleveland in the organization of the Hardwick and Cleveland Company, and engaging in the manufacture of engines and boilers. In 1893 the firm was incorporated as the Erie Engine Works, with Mr. Hardwick as president and general manager and since that time he has been continuously and ably fulfilling the dual position. The Union Iron Works were established by the Erie Engine Works and the Skinner Engine Company in 1890, its object being to provide the boiler department for the two others mentioned. In 1893 Mr. Hardwick became president of the corporation, which position he still holds. February 1, 1904, the Erie Manufacturing and Supply Company was also organized, with Mr. Hardwick as president and general manager so that he is at the head of two of the largest iron manufactories in Erie county. In this capacity he has abundantly demonstrated his remarkable executive and promotional ability.

Notwithstanding all these large and absorbing interests he has rendered the city valuable service in the shaping of municipal legislation, especially in the development of its public works. In 1878 he was elected to the common council as a representative from the Fourth ward; re-elected in the following year and in 1880 and 1881 served as a member of the select council. He was also chosen to membership on the school board of the Third ward in 1890 and while thus serving, in 1891 was appointed by Judge Gunnison, a member of the board of water works. Resigning from the school board he commenced long and invaluable service as a commissioner of the board of public works and during four of the seven years of his term he was president of the board. During this period the intake of the water works was constructed across the bay to Big Bend and the water pipes afterward extended across the peninsula out into the lake, this insuring the city an abundant supply of pure drinking water. This important work was completed in the fall of 1898. In 1902 Mr. Hardwick was elected mayor of the city, serving a full term of three years. During his administration remarkable progress was made in paving the city streets, in fact, more work was accomplished in this line than in any other mayoralty term. The Municipal Hospital was also built; Glenwood Park was accepted by the city and paid for; and the viaduct at East Buffalo road was completed (the beginning of the abolishment of grade crossings in the city); West Tenth

street was made into a Boulevard and paved and the first crusade against gambling and immoral resorts was inaugurated. It was during his administration also that the Chamber of Commerce was organized with which, as well as the board of trade, Mr. Hardwick has worked harmoniously and effectively for the advancement of many of the city's most important enterprises. For one year he served as president of the board of trade and during his term and under his active encouragement the Mutual Telephone system was established. That his influence and prominence extended far beyond the limits of Erie is evident from his selection by the Republicans of Pennsylvania as a McKinley and Roosevelt presidential elector in 1901.

For many years he has also been active and prominent in religious affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church of Erie. He has been a member of that organization for the past fifty years and when the old Wayne street Methodist church was erected he was elected president of the Erie Methodist Episcopal Alliance. This church was under the management of that body and as its president he was the main factor in locating the church in the southeastern part of the city. There he remained in active and influential connection with it until the edifice was burned and the present church was built. He also assisted in the selection of the sites for the Kingsley and Cascade street churches and during all the years of his presidency of the Erie Methodist Episcopal Alliance he was very active in the management and advancement of denominational affairs throughout the city and county. In his business and social connections Mr. Hardwick is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, the Erie Country Club and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is also a thirty-second degree Mason.

On October 13, 1866, Mr. Hardwick was married to Mary, daughter of the late John H. and Anna (Heidlebach) Carter, both old citizens of Erie county. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick, one son and one daughter. John Wesley Hardwick, the son, was a native of Erie; was educated in its public and high schools and chose his father's iron works to learn the business in preference to pursuing a college course. His advancement was both thorough and rapid and he became one of the organizers of the Erie Manufacturing and Supply Company and was afterward made secretary and general manager of the Union Iron Works, which position he was holding at the time of his death. He was a most promising young man and death no doubt cut short what would have been a career of great prominence and wide usefulness. The deceased was married, his first wife being Miss Anna Parson, who died as the mother of one daughter, Gladys. His second wife, nee Miss Lena Wells, of Springboro, Pennsylvania. still survives with their daughter Virginia Hardwick. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hardwick, Luanna, married Albert MacDonald, one of Erie's most prominent manufacturers, now superintendent of the Metric Metal Works, one of the city's largest and most important industries.

Thomas Mackrell, who has been successfully engaged in farming in Harbor Creek township for the past quarter of a century, was born in county Down, Ireland, September 22, 1852, being a son of Richard and Margaret (McGinnis) Mackrell. both natives of that section of Ireland. He was the sixth in a family of six daughters and three sons. At the age of twenty, after receiving a common school education in Ireland, Mr.

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Mackrell emigrated to America at first locating at North East, Pennsylvania, and after working there a month, coming to Erie where he was employed in railroad work. He was then engaged as a farm hand for about a year and for a similar period was employed at the Erie Car Works. His next experience as an agriculturist covered a period of fifteen years on a frontier farm just west of Erie and a considerable portion of this period was spent as foreman for Mr. Sampson. In 1884, Mr. Mackrell purchased twenty acres in Harbor Creek township which he has since cultivated and improved in the raising of fruit and general farming.

On May 11, 1880, Mr. Mackrell married Miss Teressa A. Leiss, a native of Waggletown, Mill Creek township, and daughter of Sebastian and Catherine (Burlinger) Leiss, both natives of Bavaria, Germany. The children of this union were: Richard and Peter, both residents of Erie; Thomas, of Mill Creek township; Frances, now Mrs. Joseph Helman, of South Erie, Pennsylvania; and John L., George, James, Anna L., Joseph and Leo, all residing at home. Mr. Mackrell has so closely devoted himself to his farming operations that he has had little time for social or fraternal functions, his only connection in this regard being as a member of the Grand Fraternity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the St. Anna Catholic church in Erie.

Phillip B. Raeder, a farmer of Harbor Creek township for many years, was a fine type of the German-American element in agriculture and since his death his faithful and efficient widow, with the assistance of her sons, has carried on and even enlarged his original interests. Mr. Raeder was a native of Bavaria, Germany, born October 26, 1839, son of Jacob and Charlotte C. (Bolander) Raeder. As his mother died when he was but three years of age when he came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1852, he was only accompanied by his father and children. The elder Mr. Raeder was a baker by trade but was a man of independence and industry who did not hesitate in the new country to accept any honorable employment.

Phillip B., of this sketch, was the sixth to be born in a family of three sons and four daughters and commenced life for himself at the age of twelve when he secured employment as a farm hand. This was the year prior to his coming to this country so that when he arrived in Erie county he had enjoyed some considerable experience in agricultural matters. On April 19, 1865, Mr. Raeder married Christina Schwingel, a native of Buffalo, New York, born July 25, 1835, and daughter of Christian and Christina (Keppel) Schwingel. The former was born in the kingdom of Prussia, Germany, and the latter in Alsace-Lorraine, now also a part of Germany but then a part of France. Mr. Schwingel located at Buffalo, New York, in 1831, later removing to Rochester and in 1839 to Erie where for some years he engaged in mercantile pursuits. Still later he bought a farm in Mill Creek township where he lived until his death September 25, 1864.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip B. Raeder were as follows: Louisa, now Mrs. W. H. Frazier, a resident of Harbor Creek township; Carl, who resides with his mother on the farm in Harbor Creek township which Mr. Raeder purchased in 1867 and now consists of two hundred acres; and George C. and William F., who also live with their mother. On January 23, 1906, the family residence was burned with all its contents but Mr. Raeder at once rebuilt and the present family home

of nine rooms is convenient and modern in every respect. August 10, 1907, Mr. Raeder died on his homestead and his remains are interred in Lake Side Cemetery.

Willard J. Young. Erie county has ever had reason to take pride in the personnel of its bench and bar, and to-day the legal profession in the county is represented by men of sterling character and full appreciation of the responsibilities and dignity of their exacting vocation. One who has attained to marked precedence in the practice of law in the city of Erie is Willard J. Young. He was born near the village of Waterford, Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of October, 1861, and is a son of James B. and Phoebe J. (Middleton) Young. James B. Young was a native of Ireland, whence he came with his parents to the United States in 1842. The family became settlers of Erie county soon after their arrival in America, having located on a heavily timbered tract of land near the present thriving village of Waterford. James B. Young was identified with agricultural pursuits during his entire career, and he died in 1878, in the very prime of his manhood. His wife was born in the United States, of Scotch parentage, and she is still living in Erie county.

When Willard J. was two years of age his parents removed to Mill Creek township and settled on a farm just outside the corporate limits of the city of Erie. He was reared to the life of the farm, and he continued to attend the public schools of his native county until 1876, when, at the age of fifteen years he entered Westminster College, where he completed the prescribed course in the literary department and was graduated as a member of the class of 1883. From this excellent institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For two years after leaving college Mr. Young was principal of the public schools of Sheffield, this state, and he made an excellent record in the pedagogic profession. Finally he began reading law under effective preceptorship, and since 1888, when he was admitted to the bar, he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of Erie, where his success has been of unequivocal order and his clientage is of representative character. Since 1889 he has been local attorney for R. G. Dun & Company, the great commercial agency, and also for the Mutual Building & Loan Association of Erie. As a citizen he has ever maintained a loyal and public-spirited attitude, and has shown deep interest in all that has tended to conserve the progress and material and civic upbuilding of his home city. He is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, is a stanch Republican in his political proclivities, and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Young is a bachelor.

U. P. Rossiter. A leading member of the Erie bar, U. P. Rossiter is also a Republican leader in state politics and closely identified with the industrial development of the city. He has attained prominence in the latter particular in connection with the development of the Cascade Foundry of which he was one of the founders and has been secretary since its organization. Mr. Rossiter is a native of Norristown, born October 6, 1862, and is a son of S. Y. and Mary B. (Johnson) Rossiter, both natives of that place. The father was born in 1835, son of Lindley and Margaret (Pennypacker) Rossiter, both natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania. The former was a tanner and currier and was engaged in these lines at Norristown for over forty years, at his death being succeed-

ed by his son S. Y. From Norristown the latter removed to St. Mary's, Elk county, Pennsylvania, where he remained in business for two years and in 1871 became a resident of Girard, Erie county, there succeeding to the business of C. I. England. In 1857 he married Mary B. Johnson. Mr. Rossiter died at Girard, October 8, 1899, his widow still surviving him.

U. P. Rossiter, of this review, received his preliminary education in the common schools of Norristown, St. Mary's and Girard and his higher literary studies were pursued at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. He then read law with J. Ross Thompson, of Erie, was admitted to the bar in June, 1887, and remained in private practice until his election to the office of district attorney in 1893. His official duties and the fine record and wide acquaintanceship which he made in this capacity induced him to become a permanent resident of Erie. In addition to his large legal practice he has become interested in various business and industrial enterprises and was one of the founders of the Cascade Foundry and is, as already has been stated, its secretary, having held this position since its organization. His prominence as a Republican is indicated by his services as chairman of the county committee of that party. As a fraternalist he is an active Mason, Odd Fellow and Elk, being one of the incorporators of the building association connected with the last named order and which had the active superintendence of the fine Elks' Club recently completed; he is also exalted ruler of the order. Mr. Rossiter is an influential member of the Chamber of Commerce and is identified with the Country Club of Erie.

Mr. Rossiter's wife was formerly Miss Ella A. Nichols, a native of Girard, Pennsylvania, and on her mother's side is a representative of the old Hay family of this county of which the late John Hay, the distinguished writer and diplomat, was a member. Mrs. Rossiter's grandfather had the honor of being Erie's first postmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter have become the parents of one child, Samuel Y. Rossiter.

G. La Verne Pratt. The successive steps in the career of a successful business man are readily ascertained if one simply marks his onward movements, step by step, and in every instance he will discover that his progress has been attained not at all by the aid of outside influence but altogether by the expression of his inborn merit. Such is true in the case of G. La Verne Pratt, who from a small beginning, on the strength of his own resources, has developed one of the largest commercial enterprises now in operation in this city, and who is known throughout the entire state as a furniture dealer whose business methods are above question and whose judgment and keen discernment in business affairs are of a nature naturally disposed to bring success to their possessor. When Mr. Pratt started out on his commercial career there was nothing more ahead of him than that which may appear ahead of other young men but he was gifted with a foresight to see opportunity and he lead himself along pathways in which there was apparently nothing and which were passed by by others and through patience and perseverance pursued his way, working hard all along the line until now he is accounted among the worthy and most prominent business men of the city of Erie.

Mr. Pratt is a native of Chenango county, New York, born December 10, 1866, and a son of Ogden Alanson and Welthy (Hough) Pratt, the father being a native of Connecticut, while the mother was born in

Chenango county, New York. Both families were originally from the state of Connecticut and were numbered among the old-fashioned Puritan stock, Grandfather Pratt having been a wealthy manufacturer of Connecticut, while Grandfather Hough served as a member of the Connecticut state legislature. Both families came westward and located in Chenango county, the Empire state, this being before the days of railroads, and there they pursued agriculture for a livelihood, death having summoned both grandfathers to the life beyond in that county. Ogden Alanson Pratt, father of G. L. Verne, engaged in agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his life and is now living retired in Chenango county, while his wife passed away thirty years ago.

On the home farm G. La Verne Pratt was reared, passing through the experiences common to the country lad during his boyhood days, assisting his father in agricultural duties during the summer months while in the winter season he took advantage of the district schools to obtain his preliminary education. Later he was given the advantage of a course of study in the high school and after he was graduated from that institution being then in his nineteenth year, he was ambitious to become engaged in the commercial world, and, leaving the farm, he took up his abode in the village where he accepted a position as clerk in a general store on a salary of five dollars a month with board. He performed his duties in this position for about two years and a half, during which time he displayed uncommon ability and was promoted as far as the enterprise would permit. Desirous of larger opportunities and a wider range of business experience he resigned his position and became a traveling salesman, handling a general line of household goods, his territory lying throughout the Empire state. As a drummer he attained eminent success and continued to follow this line of work for eight years, at the expiration of which period he had reached the limit of possibilities offered by that vocation by way of experience and salary and his last year as a traveling salesman he spent in the city of Erie, this being in 1894. In the following year he engaged in business on his own account, securing quarters in a small room above Illig's clothing store on Peach street, and, while starting the enterprise, he did his own canvassing and having had a wide and varied experience in that line, success attended him from day to day, his business witnessing rapid growth until in 1901 his trade had reached such volume as to necessitate roomier quarters, so he removed to No. 1610 State street. All this while he handled a full line of household goods, particularly furniture and the borders of his business so widened and his trade assumed such proportions as to surround him with uncommon financial prosperity. He negotiated for the erection of a large building in which to carry on his enterprise and in 1907 he completed one of the finest brick structures in the city, located at the corner of State and Seventeenth street. The building is one of the most modern here, being three stories high with basement, the entire structure being built out of brick decorated with stone trimmings with floor space embracing one hundred and twenty-five by forty feet, the entire space in the building, which may be devoted to business purposes, including fourteen thousand feet without counting the cellar. This elegant structure stands as ample evidence of his prosperity and is a living monument to the keen business judgment, patience and perseverance and straightforward honorable methods of its owner. Mr. Pratt, who as proprietor of the establishment is one of the foremost financial factors in the city.

Mr. Pratt wedded Miss Anna Gillow, a native of Tompkins county, New York, and the couple have since been enjoying the surroundings of a cultured home, graced with every convenience designed for domestic happiness. Mr. Pratt is largely interested in all movements having for their object the upbuilding of the city and belongs to the Business Men's Exchange, of which he is president, while at the same time he is also an influential member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal church. His career thus far has been wonderfully successful and he deserves great credit, in as much as his present prosperity and prominence in the commercial and industrial circles of the city are due solely to his own exertions, reinforced by honesty and straightforwardness in his dealings and as a business man he is one of the most valued assets to the commercial life of the city.

Daniel Stephen Hanley, an undertaker at Erie, Pennsylvania, and coroner of Erie county, was born at the old Hanley homestead, corner of Seventh and Myrtle streets, this city, on September 12, 1871, son of John and Mary (Lane) Hanley. Mr. Hanley's parents are natives of county Cork, Ireland. They emigrated to this country in 1850, and settled first at Philadelphia, where they lived five years, after which they came to Erie, where for more than half a century the family home has been maintained. On their settlement here, John Hanley took charge of the Erie Gas Works, with which he was connected, as superintendent, for many years, up to 1884, when he retired. He is still living, and has long been regarded as one of Erie's valued citizens. He and his wife had fourteen children, twelve of whom are living: James P., who was three times elected and served as treasurer of Erie, is now a resident of Wheeling, West Virginia; John R., a practicing dentist of Bay City, Michigan; Edward C., for the past three years acting engineer of the U. S. S. Wolverine, on the Great Lakes; Joseph A., money order clerk in the post office, and secretary of the civil service board; Julia, who died December 8, 1893, at the age of thirty-seven years; Minnie A., who married John J. Burgoyne, of Erie; Katherine, wife of John T. Dillon, of Erie, now president of the Titusville (Pa.) Forge Co.; Rose M., wife of Daniel P. McMahon, of Buffalo, New York; Jennie M., wife of P. J. O'Connor, of Erie; Agnes V., wife of C. Harrison Elliott, of Erie; Clara M., wife of Francis A. Carrick, of Erie; William, who was accidentally killed at the age of four years; Daniel S., whose name introduces this sketch; and Edward C. and Miss Nellie, at home.

Daniel S. Hanley was reared in Erie, and was educated in the parochial schools of this city. He learned the trade of machinist at the Erie Forge, serving an apprenticeship of three years, which work he left to take a position as clothing salesman for P. A. Meyer, of Erie, and later was with Straus Bros., still later traveling in New York state as the representative of the Cleveland Dental Supply Manufacturing Co. In May, 1895, he took a position as assistant in the undertaking establishment of Hogan & Co., of Cleveland, with whom he remained until June, 1898, during that time giving close attention to and thoroughly learning every detail of the business. Returning to Erie in 1898, he decided to establish himself in the undertaking business. Before doing so, however, he was required by law to have his petition signed by three undertakers. These signatures, for reasons, were withheld by those approached and Mr. Hanley was balked in his plans in Erie, temporarily.

He then tried at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but again was prevented, for the same reason. He next tried Philadelphia, but with like results. Coming back to Erie, he determined to test the constitutionality of the law, and as a means of doing so, engaged in business without a license. At the funeral of the late Bishop Mullen, Mr. Hanley was arrested at the cathedral and was placed under bond. He continued his business, and was rearrested a number of times. In October, 1899, he was brought into court, and his case was decided against him. Defeated but not discouraged, he went to the Superior Court at Pittsburg, which rendered a verdict in his favor, and he was ordered to report to the State Board at Philadelphia, where he passed the examination and was granted a license, on March 4, 1900. From that time he was successfully engaged in business. His parlors were at No. 1213 Sassafras street, and April 1, 1909, he moved to new parlors at 1230 Peach street, his present place of business. On January 9, 1906, Mr. Hanley was appointed acting coroner of Erie county, and in November, 1908, was elected to the office.

Fraternally he is identified with numerous organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Elks, Moose, Modern Woodmen, Marquette Club and Progressive League Club. Mr. Hanley is married and has one child, J. Daniel. Mrs. Hanley, formerly Miss Catherine A. Wagner, is a native of Greene township, Erie county, and a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Wagner, old residents of the county; she was married at Kersey, Elk county, Pennsylvaina, the Rev. Father J. Wagner, her brother, performing the ceremony.

Conrad Klein, as proprietor of the Reed House, the leading hotel of the city of Erie, is specially well-known both in local business circles and to the traveling public. He has had diversified and ample experience in the hotel business, in which his reputation has been further fortified by his able direction of the affairs of the house of which he is now the popular head.

Mr. Klein was born in New York City, on the 6th of December, 1869, and is a son of Conrad Klein, who was a native of Germany, where he took part in the historic revolution of 1848. When the patriot cause failed he escaped to America and became one of the argonauts to California in the ever memorable year 1849. He passed the closing years of his life in New York City. The Klein family is of French Huguenot lineage, and the founders of the family in southern Germany were refugees who fled from France in the opening years of the seventeenth century to escape the persecutions incidental to the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Conrad Klein, Jr., was reared and educated in his native city, the national metropolis, and in 1886 he initiated his career in connection with the hotel business, in which his training has been most scrupulous in all departments, so that he is specially well fortified for the management of such a fine hotel as that of which he is now the head. He began his association with the hotel business in New Haven, Connecticut, and thereafter was identified with hotels in other cities. From 1898 until 1901 he was in Europe, and in the latter year he assumed the mangement of the Continental Hotel, in the city of Newark, New Jersey. In the following year he became associated in the ownership of the Morgan House, at Poughkeepsie, New York, the management of which he was thus identified with until 1905, when he sold his interest in the business and assumed control of the Reed House, in Erie, where he has since

remained and where he gained to his hotel a signally high reputation. He is loyal and progressive as a citizen, holds membership in both the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, as well as the Business Men's Association.

William E. Hayes, president of the Hayes House Furnishing Company of Erie, but for the past few months virtually retired from active business, is also widely interested in various important industries and commercial enterprises of the city, and has earned his honorable leadership in the community by three decades of well directed activities. He is a native of Erie county, descended from two of its noteworthy families of pioneers—the Hayeses and Grahams. The father of William E., and the founder of their fortunes in the county, was Lester Hayes, of Scotch extraction, born at Granby, Connecticut, in 1800. In 1818, when a boy of eighteen years and weighing but seventy-five pounds, Lester came to Erie county, remained a few months and then returned to Granby. In 1820, however, he located permanently in Harbor Creek township, having made the last journey afoot, as well as the two preceding trips. In the locality which he finally selected, he built and operated the pioneer woolen mill of the county, but ill health compelled him to abandon that enterprise and settle on a farm in Greene township. A few years later his father Martin and family joined him there, and it was in this township that he married Mary Graham, the daughter of pioneer parents. Lester Hayes died June 19, 1869, and his widow on November 4, 1884.

William E. Hayes of this biography was born on the old Hayes farm in Greene township, April 22, 1846. He continued at the family homestead until 1879, when he came to Erie and became member of the firm of Patterson and Hayes, house furnishers and galvanized cornice manufacturers. In 1886 the business was divided, Mr. Hayes becoming owner of the house furnishing department. Subsequently he received as partner, D. W. Nason, but that gentleman retired a few years later and Mr. Hayes continued the business alone until 1907, having in the meantime added wall-paper to his stock. In the latter year he turned this department over to his son Arba W., who formed a partnership with Walter Willert. In September, 1908, the other branch of the business was incorporated under the name of the Hayes House Furnishing Company, Mr. Hayes becoming its president, but retiring from its active management. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Mutual Telephone Company and a director in the Petroleum Telephone Company of Oil City. At the inception of the Lake Erie Traction Company, when the line to northeast Erie was projected, Mr. Hayes was president of the corporation. He was also an incorporator of the Edison Electric Light Company of Erie, and was one of the founders and promoters of the Erie Gas Mantle Manufacturing Company, in which he is still interested.

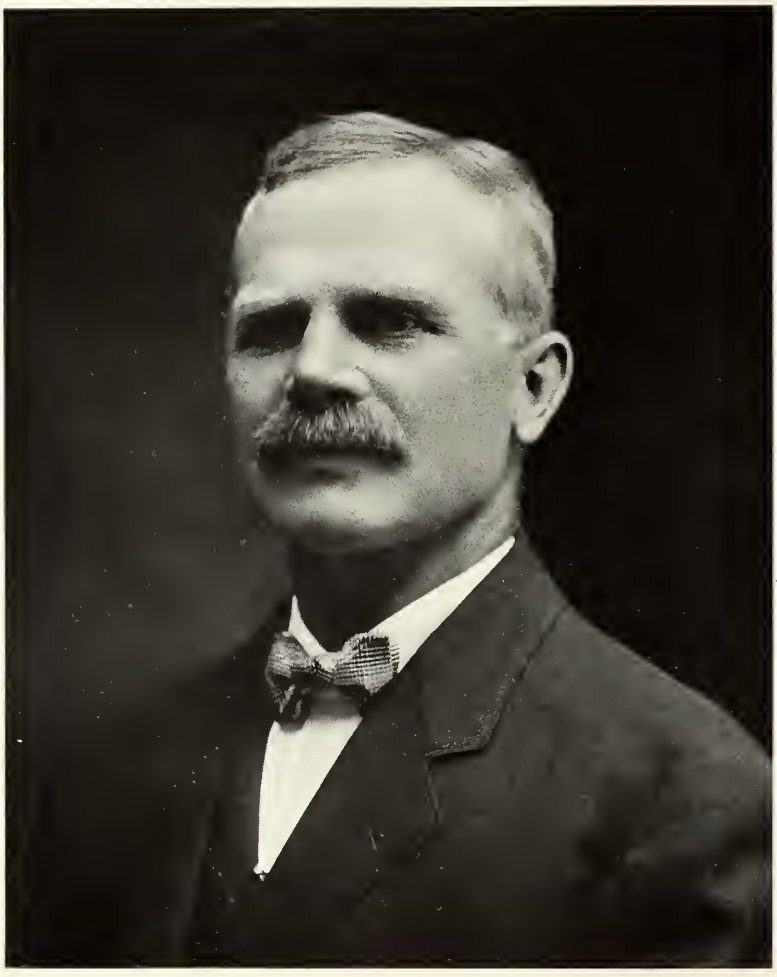
While a citizen of Greene township, Mr. Hayes held various township offices, having served as county auditor for three terms. He is a charter member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce; was one of the organizers of the Business Men's Exchange and its first president, and has been a delegate to all its conventions. He is a member of the Erie County Historical Society. For years Mr. Hayes has been an earnest Presbyterian, before coming to Erie being an elder in the Bell Valley church and since locating in the city has been likewise elder of the Central church. On September 15, 1870, he married Miss Mary Adela,

daughter of the late Captain Thomas and Emily (Smith) Perrin, the father having been a captain on the Great Lakes for many years. He was a native of England and settled in Erie City many years ago. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hayes: Clemina B., after her graduation from the University of Michigan in 1893, married Benjamin F. Chase, who was appointed United States consul to Italy, but after a year's service was obliged to resign on account of ill health; Arba W. Hayes married Miss Addie Wilkins, daughter of the late Captain Wilkins; Gertrude A. married Charles P. Reiley, with the First National Bank of Erie.

George P. Colt. Macaulay, great as a statesman, historian and biographer, finally concluded that a nation or epoch was best pictured in the lives of its men and women. The truth of his dictum is well illustrated in the record of the late George P. Colt, of Erie, which is so closely woven into the history of the city as well as by the public and business careers of his father and his grandfather. At his death Mr. Colt was a representative of the well-known firm of private bankers, Ball and Colt, and since the decease of the senior member had been the sole manager of its affairs. Outside of his substantial business abilities, Mr. Colt was a man of strong personality, and while his life work was that of an able financier, at no time did he neglect his public duties and was an active force in the advancement of measures of real benefit to the city and state.

The deceased was born in Erie, March 7, 1834, and was a son of Thomas G. and Catherine A. (Kellogg) Colt. His parents were both natives of Massachusetts, his father being reared in the home of Judah Colt, one of the earliest and most prominent pioneers of Erie county. In 1795 his cousin named migrated from the Old Bay state and settled with his family in this county. Judah Colt came into this locality as agent of the Pennsylvania Population Company which had purchased large tracts of land in what is still known as the "Triangle," in which he himself became largely interested as a proprietor. In the following year he located in what is now Greenfield township, opening a land office at what has ever since been known as Colt's Station. In 1797 he opened a road from Lake Erie to that place, its western terminus being at the mouth of Sixteen-mile creek, now Freeport. This work was of great benefit to the early settlers, as it enabled them to more readily transport their supplies into the interior of the county. Moving to Erie in 1802, Judah Colt was for many years a leader in the development of the stable interests of the town. His cousin, Thomas G. Colt, became very prominent in both business and public affairs, serving first as the head of the borough government and subsequently as first mayor of the city. He was also for many terms a most valued member of the municipal council, and his death in 1861 was a loss of deep concern to many interests and numerous citizens.

Educated in private schools and at the old Erie Academy, George P. Colt began life for himself as a clerk in the private banking house of William C. Curry, of Erie, entering his institution in 1850. In 1854 he went to Chicago to assume a bank clerkship in that city, and four years thereafter became a grain broker continuing thus for six succeeding years. Mr. Colt returned to Erie in 1867, and in company with P. H. Ball founded the banking firm of Ball and Colt, which became one of the leading institutions of the kind in the city and which, as stated, he



W. S. Wheeler

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was conducting alone at the time of his death, November 5, 1908. In his civic relations, the deceased was a valued adviser, and rendered especially active service as a member of the school board, Hamot Hospital and Erie cemetery. In his religious faith, he was an Episcopalian connected with St. Paul's church, and for many years an earnest and efficient superintendent of its Sunday-school at one of its missions. He also served as vestryman, junior warden and treasurer at St. Paul's. His wife, whom he married in 1861, was Nancy I. Glover, daughter of Rev. Bennett Glover, long rector of that church. Mrs. Colt is a native of Erie, but received the most of her education at St. Xavier's Convent, Pittsburg. Her life has been an elevating influence, both intellectually and morally.

Walter S. Wheeler. The Wheeler family has long been a potent factor in the development of the horticultural and live stock interests of Erie county, Walter S. himself being one of the largest raisers and handlers of fine beef cattle in this locality. He is a native of Le Boeuf, this county, born March 13, 1858, son of Charles and Sarah Jane (Clark) Wheeler. The father was born near New Ipswich, New Hampshire, in 1826 and died April 26, 1904, while the mother, a Massachusetts lady, was born at Townsend Center, July 9, 1835, and is living in LeBoeuf township. Charles M. Wheeler removed to Erie county about 1853, in that year buying land in the township named and devoting it to farming and live stock purposes for the balance of his life. At the time of his death he was a large land owner, being proprietor of an extensive tract of wheat land in Marshall county, Minnesota, as well as the owner of his large and productive farm in Erie county. He had prospered in worldly possessions and had also earned an honorable reputation as a public man, having been a member of the Pennsylvania legislature for two terms. In Masonry, he had attained to the thirty-second degree, being at the time of his death a member of Perfection Lodge of Erie, Erie Chapter and Commandery and Pittsburg Consistory.

Walter S. Wheeler, of this biography, was the second of six sons and was educated at the Edinboro Normal School and Waterford academy, graduating from the latter institution in 1878. He lived with his parents and assisted his father until he was twenty-one years of age when he was placed in control of the home farm and continued to conduct it from 1878 until 1893. He then purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land two miles east of North East borough, twelve acres of this tract being at the time cultivated to grapes. Since that time he has successfully developed eighty acres of different varieties of grapes, also fine orchards of apples and peaches. The balance of his estate is devoted to the raising of live stock, and he has christened his place the "Walter S. Wheeler Stock and Fruit Farm." As he grows the finest of fruits, he naturally commands the highest of prices, and the same may be said in regard to his raising of beef cattle. As this has all been accomplished through his own persistency and agricultural skill, he naturally takes great pride in the appearance and the productiveness of his farm. In politics, he has always been a firm Republican.

On March 25, 1896, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Cora Annette Burton, a native of Portland, New York, born August 21, 1865, but who spent most of her life from the age of three until her marriage at Ripley, that state. Her father died at that place, March 4, 1904, and her mother is yet one of its honored residents—a venerable lady of eighty-nine years, with a strong memory and a bright mind, and finely preserved

generally, in view of her remarkable age. She is a Unitarian, as was her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Wheeler are the parents of Ruth Annette Wheeler, born January 10, 1897, and now a bright pupil in the seventh public school grade.

The biographer wishes to make a few remarks about the modern residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler. They have remodeled the old homestead which is situated two miles east of the beautiful little city of North East, on the Erie and Buffalo highway. Their country seat is one of the most complete and modern homes in Erie county, as a country residence. It is heated by the latest improved steam method, and lighted by natural gas and wired for electricity; has polished floors and elegant suites of rooms; and the decorator has displayed great artistic skill in the adornment. The residence being situated on an eminence, commands a charming view of the surrounding country. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are to be commended in the erection of such a beautiful home in their home township.

Frank R. Simmons, a prominent business man of Erie, Pennsylvania, is a native of the county in which he lives, having been born in East Springfield, March 3, 1845, son of Elliott and Mary (Hart) Simmons. The genealogy of the Simmons family is traced back directly to Jonas Simmons, who was born in Berlin, Rensselaer county, New York, March 11, 1758, a descendant of German pioneer settlers of that locality. Several members of the family took part in the French and Indian war and also in the war of the Revolution, and Jonas Simmons, though not a regularly enlisted soldier, experienced many of the hardships incident to border warfare during the Revolutionary period. About 1809 or 1810 the family moved to Chautauqua county, New York, and in 1825, Peter Simmons, son of Jonas, came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Springfield township. His family consisted of four sons, one of whom was Elliott, the father of Frank R. Elliott Simmons was born in Jamestown, New York, May 20, 1820, and from his fifth year has lived in Erie county. Here he was engaged in the tanning business for many years, up to the time he retired from active life in 1873.

Mary (Hart) Simmons, the mother of Frank R., was born in Weston, Windsor county, Vermont, August 27, 1825. Her paternal ancestors were English, while her mother's people, who bore the name of Lawrence, were of Scotch origin. Mr. Simmons' great-grandfather Lawrence enlisted in the Revolutionary army at the age of sixteen, and served until the close of the war; he was one of the latest survivors of that great struggle, and died at his home in Vermont, at the age of ninety-six years. Grandfather Lawrence had three sons in the war of 1812.

Frank R. Simmons was the first born in his father's family. A brother, Herman, born January 24, 1848, died January 15, 1862. After attending the public schools of Springfield, Frank R. entered Oberlin College, where he took a classical course, and graduated with the class of 1870. Then he accepted the principalship of the graded schools at Utica, Ohio, which position he held for three years. In 1873 he associated himself with Joseph Osborn, a practical tanner, and engaged in the tannery business in Girard, Pennsylvania, Mr. Simmons having charge of the buying and selling end of the business in Erie. The death of Mr. Osborn in 1875 terminated this association, and Mr. Simmons removed to 136 East Ninth street, where he has since continued to deal in hides, wool, pelts, tallow, leather and findings. In 1889 he built a

large cold storage plant at 132 East Ninth street, and, in addition to his other business, has since that date carried on a large wholesale business in butter, cheese and eggs.

September 11, 1872, Mr. Simmons married Susanna, daughter of William and Sarah (Reed) Alsdorf. Like her husband, Mrs. Simmons traces her ancestry back to a Revolutionary patriot. Her great-grandfather on the paternal side was a soldier in the Revolution. His people were among the early Dutch settlers near Schenectady, New York. Her mother was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, all of whom were Covenanters in faith. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have one child, a daughter, Edith May, who is the wife of J. B. Campbell, a well-known manufacturer of Erie.

Politically, Mr. Simmons is a Republican, and while he is not a politician, he has always taken a deep interest in local affairs, and has served as a member of both the select and common councils of Erie.

John S. Yakes. A well-known business man of Erie and an active and prominent member of its select council, John S. Yakes, is a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born on the 1st of March, 1862. He is a son of Daniel and Margaret (Smith) Yakes, both of whom were also born in that county and are now deceased. The grandfather, George Yakes, was a native of Germany and founded the family in America. John S. was reared in Lancaster county and in 1881, when nineteen years of age, obtained his first experience of western life by spending two years in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Texas. Deciding, however, that he preferred the east as a home section, he returned to Lancaster and there engaged in the retail tobacco trade, later becoming identified with the Fatman Tobacco Company of New York, packers of leaf tobacco.

Mr. Yakes became a resident of Erie in 1887, first engaging in the retail tobacco business in the old Ellsworth House block on North Park row. Two years later he moved his business to the Erie Trust building and, after conducting it for another two years, sold out to Frank Fairbairn. He then became a traveling salesman for the Drummond Tobacco Company of St. Louis, and a year and a half thereafter re-established himself in business as a retail tobacco dealer and a cigar manufacturer. He is still successfully engaged in these lines, his factory being at No. 361 West Ninth street. In February, 1909, he also engaged in the sale of automobiles on North Park row, his wide acquaintance with the best people in the city having materially assisted him in establishing this enterprise on a good paying basis. Just a year prior to that time his popularity and prominence in the community were brought into evidence by his election to represent the Third ward of Erie in the Select Council, and in that body he is serving as chairman of the committee on police, docks and railroads and of law and franchises. Mr. Yakes is also a member of the orders of Elks and Knights of Pythias. His wife, before marriage, was Miss Emma Keech, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and their daughter, Elaine, was born in 1891.

Clark W. Zuck. One of the old and honored families of the Keystone state is that of which John Zuck, Sr., founder of the branch in Erie county, was a worthy member. He was numbered among the sterling pioneers of this county and contributed in liberal measure to its civic and industrial development, as have also his descendants in succeed-

ing generations. No family in the county is more clearly worthy of consideration in a compilation of the province assigned to the one at hand than is that of Zuck, which to-day has numerous representatives in Erie county,—prominent in connection with business and civic affairs.

John Zuck, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania and was of stanch German lineage. The family was founded in this commonwealth in the colonial days and, so far as available data indicates, he himself was a native of Bedford county and was born on the 12th of January, 1767. He married Polly Riblet, who was born February 13, 1767, and they took up their residence in Erie county in 1802. They settled in Mill Creek township, where the family name has since been one of prominence and one uniformly honored. Concerning the children of John and Polly (Riblet) Zuck the following data are properly entered: John, Jr., was born in Hopedale township, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1790; Christian, in Bedford county, November 2, 1792; Jacob, in the same county, in 1795, and Henry in 1797; Solomon was born in West Mill Creek township, Erie county, January 13, 1805; Catherine in the same township, February 15, 1807; and Abraham was a native of the same township, where he was born in 1812. John Zuck, Sr., reclaimed a large tract of land in Mill Creek township and was one of the sturdy pioneers and successful agriculturists of that section of the county, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 11th of August, 1842; his wife survived him by more than a score of years, as her death occurred July 24, 1863.

John Zuck, Jr., was a valiant soldier in the war of 1812, and was actively identified with the various operations of the military forces in this section of the state during that conflict. For his services he received a tardy recognition, as he was granted a pension about two years prior to his death. His entire active career was devoted to agricultural pursuits and he was one of the progressive and successful farmers of Mill Creek township until he was summoned from the scene of life's activities. He was a man of strong individuality and sterling character and ever held a secure place in the confidence and esteem of the community in which practically his entire life was passed. On the 29th of June, 1813, he was united in marriage to Sally Ebersole, and they became the parents of six children: Samuel B. P., who was born July 10, 1815, is deceased; Mary A., likewise deceased was born July 9, 1817; Catherine, who became the wife of Levi Gordon, was born March 9, 1821, and both she and her husband died in this county; Fanny, born November 19, 1824, is the widow of Levi Wolfe and resides in La Grange county, Indiana; John S., deceased, was born September 21, 1827; and John Christian, of whom more specific mention is made in following paragraphs, was born August 26, 1832. John Zuck, Jr., was summoned to the life eternal September 27, 1872, and his wife passed away February 6, 1862; both were zealous members of the Dunkard church.

John Christian Zuck has passed his entire life in West Mill Creek, where he has lived and labored to goodly ends and where he is to-day one of the oldest and most honored citizens. He has been influential in public affairs in his township, where he has been called upon to serve in various offices of trust and responsibility, including those of school director, road commissioner and a member of the county board of directors of the poor. He has long been a zealous member of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, with which the other members of his family are identified, and he has been liberal and zealous in support of all depart-

ments of church work. In politics he is aligned as a stanch advocate of the cause of the Republican party. During the long years of a signally active and useful life he has given a continuous allegiance to the great basic art of agriculture, in connection with which he has reaped the generous rewards which should ever attend well directed endeavor and steadfast integrity of purpose.

On the 22d of September, 1853, was solemnized the marriage of John C. Zuck to Martha Fry, who was born in McKean township, this county, August 8, 1833, and who is a daughter of Martin Fry, who came to Erie county from Lancaster county in the pioneer days. In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Zuck celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, which was made an occasion of historic and social note in their home township, where they received the earnest congratulations of the host of friends who assembled to do them honor. Of their four children all are living except one: Wayne E., who was born November 6, 1854, is a representative farmer of West Mill Creek; William, who was born November 29, 1855, died at the age of seven weeks; Clark W. is more definitely mentioned farther on in this context; and Lester J., who was born September 1, 1869, is engaged in hardware business in Erie.

Clark Wellington Zuck, the third in order of birth of the children of John C. and Martha (Fry) Zuck, was born on the old homestead farm in Mill Creek township, on the 1st of August, 1857, and he is to-day known as one of the most extensive horticulturists and market gardeners of his native township and as one of its most popular and loyal citizens. He was reared to the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the home farm and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the district schools. He remained with his parents and was associated in the work and management of the home farm until after his marriage, and in the spring of 1882 he purchased fifty-five acres of land on the Ridge road, West Mill Creek. The property was at the time practically unimproved but the soil, of peculiar integrity, he discovered to be specially well adapted for gardening purposes and he selected the same on this account. He has developed the fine little farm into one of the best gardening tracts in this section of the state, and the improvements in every department, including buildings, are of the best modern type. He has conducted his industrial operations here according to scientific principles, has shown careful discrimination in the selection of stock and seeds, and his success had been further assured through the practical experience gained in the training of earlier years. He has made a specialty of the propagating of lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes, and has an entire acre under glass for the forcing of products for the early markets. His horticultural greenhouses, equipped throughout with the best of facilities, are the largest and most modern in this section of the state, and in his prosperous enterprise he finds a ready demand for his products at the highest market prices.

Clark W. Zuck has well upheld the honors of the name which he bears and is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of his native township and county, where he commands unequivocal confidence and esteem. In politics he gives his support to the principles for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and he and his wife hold membership in the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church. He served two terms as school director and for five years was superintendent of the county alms house,—1901-03 and 1904-06. In a fraternal way he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On the 21st of September, 1880, Mr. Zuck was united in marriage to Nancy Ocene McKee, who was born in Mill Creek township, about one mile distant from her present home, on the 28th of August, 1859, and who is a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Pherrin) McKee. Her father was born in Mill Creek township, in 1807, and died in 1868. He was a son of John McKee, who was born in Ireland, and who was one of the sterling pioneers of Erie county, Pennsylvania, whither he came from Fayette county, this state, in 1797, in company with his brothers, Patrick and Alexander. He married Mary Maxwell, who was seven years of age at the time she accompanied her parents on their emigration from Ireland to America and who was reared and educated in Pennsylvania. She died in 1870, at the venerable age of ninety-three years, and it was her portion to survive all of her children, each of whom attained to ripe age. John and Mary (Maxwell) McKee became the parents of three sons and one daughter, and the family still has numerous representatives, in the third and fourth generations, in Erie county. John McKee (2d), father of Mrs. Zuck, was one of the successful farmers of Mill Creek township and was a citizen who ever held the unqualified esteem of the community. He was a member of the Episcopal church and his death occurred in 1868, as already noted. His wife, Mary Ann (Pherrin) McKee, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, and she survived him by nearly forty years, as her death occurred in 1906. She was a daughter of Samuel Pherrin, an honored pioneer and successful farmer of Mill Creek township. John and Mary Ann (Pherrin) McKee became the parents of seven children: Winfield Scott, the eldest, is a representative farmer in West Mill Creek; Thomas Benton likewise is one of the sterling farmers of the same township; Anna J. is the wife of Thomas D. Willis of Mill Creek township, this county; Adelaide died at the age of seven years; Nancy Ocene is the wife of Mr. Zuck, as noted in preceding statements; Ida Rebecca is the wife of Daniel E. Butt, a farmer of Mill Creek township; and John Clayton is a prosperous farmer of the same township.

Clark W. and Nancy O. (McKee) Zuck have three sons, all of whom are associated with their father in business, under the title of C. W. Zuck & Sons. John Floyd, the eldest of the sons, was born January 4, 1882, and he married Miss Orra Garloch; Bert Curry was born January 28, 1885; and Arthur P. was born May 7, 1889. All three of the sons are energetic young business men and enjoy unalloyed popularity in their native township, in whose social life they take an active part.

Jacob Kaltenbach. As a citizen Jacob Kaltenbach is held in unqualified esteem in Erie, the city of his birth, where he has served in various offices of public trust, and the high regard in which he is held in the community indicates his sterling integrity of character and his loyalty and public spirit as a citizen. He has been successful in his business operations and he is today one of the substantial and popular citizens of his native county. Mr. Kaltenbach was born in the family home on East Ninth street, in the Second ward of the city of Erie, on the 23d of March, 1849, and is a son of Ignatius and Catherine (Weitzen) Kaltenbach, the former of whom was born in Baden, Germany, and the latter in Rheinpfalz, Prussia. Ignatius Kaltenbach was reared and educated in his native land, whence he came to America when a young man and numbered himself among the early settlers of Erie county. He landed

in New York City, whence he made his way to Buffalo by canal and from the latter point to Erie by lake boat, as this was before the era of railroad facilities. His future wife came to Erie county about two years later, in company with her brother, and the brother died a few years later, a victim to the cholera, which was then epidemic. In the city of Erie, which was then a village, the parents of Jacob Kaltenbach were married and here they continued to reside during the remainder of their long and useful lives, ever holding a secure place in the confidence and regard of the community.

Ignatius Kaltenbach was among the early devotees of the fishing industry in Erie. He began operations in this line long before steam tugs or even steam-propelled fishing boats were in vogue. He was a man of sterling character and in connection with the years of consecutive industry he gained a competency, the while he remained deeply appreciative of the advantages and attractions of his adopted country. He died in the city of Erie on the 28th of August, 1884, at the venerable age of eighty-four years and eleven months, and his wife was summoned to the life eternal on the 26th of February, 1892, at the age of seventy-four years. They were devout communicants of the Catholic church and in Erie originally held membership in the parish of St. Mary's church, in which their marriage was solemnized, but they later transferred their membership to St. Joseph's parish, with which they continued to be prominently connected during the rest of their lives. They became the parents of six children, of whom three attained to years of maturity and of whom one son and one daughter are living. The other of the three, likewise a son, died in 1871.

Jacob Kaltenbach, of this sketch, was reared to manhood in his native city and to its parochial schools he is indebted for his early educational discipline. At the age of fourteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of harnessmaking, and in 1866 he completed his apprenticeship, which was most thorough and through which he became a skilled workman. In the year mentioned he went to the city of Cleveland, where he was engaged in the work of his trade for a period of three years, at the expiration of which he returned to Erie, where he entered the employ of Valentine Ulrich, in whose establishment he continued in the work of his trade during the ensuing thirteen years. In 1881 he engaged in the liquor business on East Eighteenth street, and in the following year removed to his present location, at the corner of Twenty-sixth and Peach streets. Two years later, however, he again established headquarters on East Eighteenth street, near the depot of the Nickle Plate Railroad, where he erected a building for the purposes. Three years later he purchased the property which he had formerly utilized at Twenty-sixth and Peach streets, where he erected his present substantial and attractive building, in which he has since continued to conduct a successful business.

Mr. Kaltenbach has for many years wielded no little influence in local politics and is a stanch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party. In 1883 he was elected to represent the Fifth ward in the common council, and in 1885-86 he represented the Second ward in this body. In 1888 he was elected, from the Fifth ward, to the select council, to which he was again elected in 1890. He thereafter served continuously as a member of the select council until 1896, and the entire period of his service in the city council covered eleven years, within which he was president of the select council for one year. He

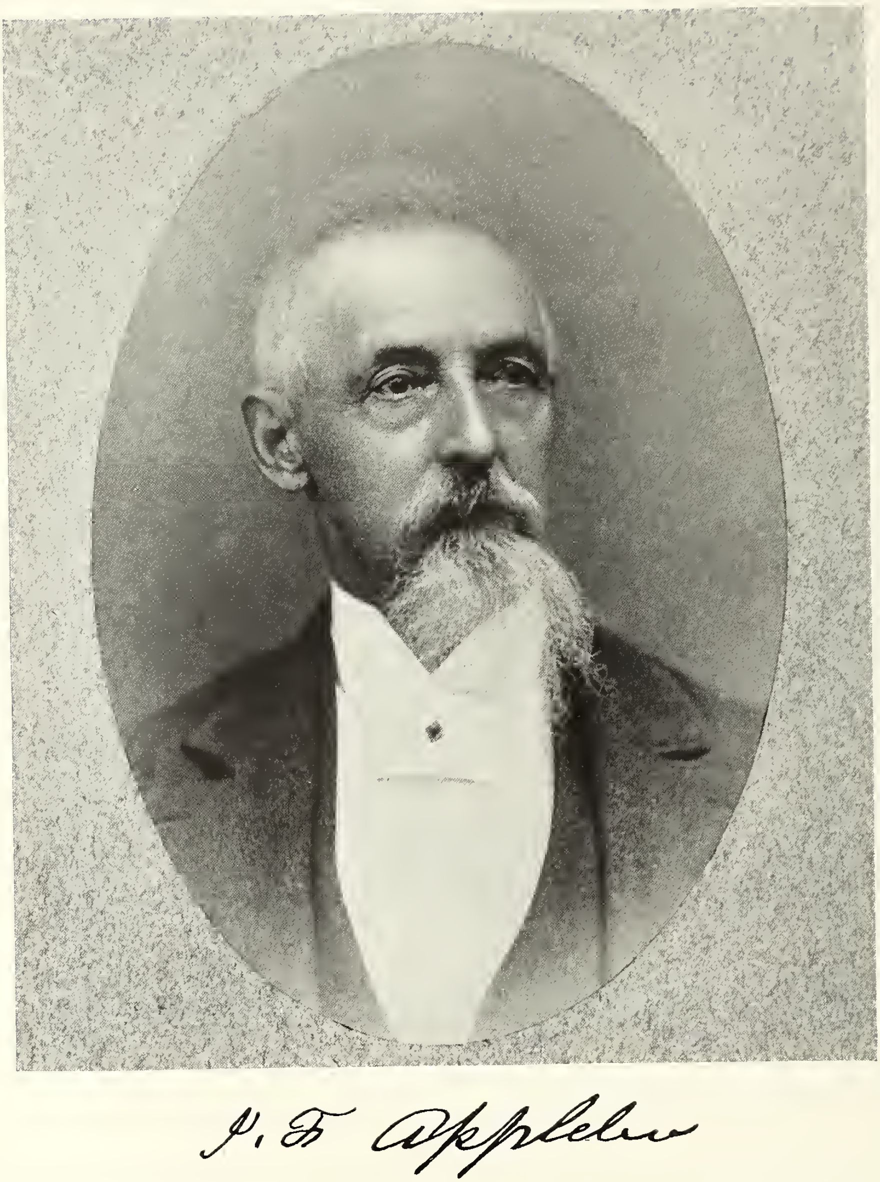
gave his best energies and loyal co-operation to the insuring of good municipal government, and his long tenure of office is the best voucher for the high estimate placed upon his services by the people of the community. Upon his retirement from the select council, in 1896, Mayor Scott appointed him a member of the city board of fire commissioners, and he thereafter continued incumbent of this position through reappointment by Mayors Saltsman and Deponet, after which he was continued in the office by election in the joint session of the common and select councils. He held the office for ten consecutive years and retired from the same by resignation, after having made a record for efficient and faithful service in this important department of the municipal government.

Mr. Kaltenbach and his wife are zealous and valued members of St. Joseph's Catholic church, and he is prominently identified with the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, in the subordinate branch of which he has held all of the official positions, besides which he has served as vice-president of the grand council of the order in the state of Pennsylvania. He is identified with the St. Alphonse Society of St. Joseph's parish. He holds membership in the Erie Chamber of Commerce; the Erie Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Erie Maennerchor, of which he was president for a period of three years; the South Erie Improvement Association; and the Erie Realty Company.

Mr. Kaltenbach served two years as president of Liquor Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania, and under the reorganization, as the State Liquor Dealers' Association, he holds at the present time the office of vice-president and is a member of the state executive board of the association. He has always been known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen and has done his full share in connection with the upbuilding of his native city, to which his loyalty is of the most insistent order. His record in public office has been unspotted and his influence has always been given in support of measures and enterprises tending to promote the progress and general welfare of his home city. He is a man of independent views and in public service has followed the course of duty as defined by his judgment, showing neither fear nor favor.

In 1876 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kaltenbach to Barbara Schloss, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, a daughter of Jacob Schloss. She was reared and education in her native land, whence she came to America in company with her brother, Philip Schloss, who is a successful business man in Erie. Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Kaltenbach the following brief record is entered: Rosa and Anna remain at the parental home; Frank J., who is a member of the firm of Kaltenbach & Hershey, wholesale liquor dealers, of Erie, married Lena Setterle, daughter of Martin Setterle, of Erie, and they have one son, Frank J., Jr.; George J., who is engaged in business in Erie, married Margaret Roeder, of Pittsburg; Charles J. is engaged in the plumbing business in Erie; and Edward C. is superintendent of the Kohler ice plant in Erie. Mr. Kaltenbach also served as fire commissioner for ten years.

James E. Silliman, M. D., one of the leading members of the medical profession of Erie, was born in North East, Erie county, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1844, son of John and Minerva (Chapman) Silliman, both natives of Pennsylvania. Dr. Silliman's grandfather was a native of Ireland, from whence, in 1800, he came to this country and settled in Erie county, where he carried on farming for many years.



Maria S Applebee

Deciding to prepare himself for a professional life, James E. entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he graduated with the class of 1871. At that time he received the degree of A. B., and three years later the A. M. degree was conferrd upon him by his *alma mater*. He took a regular course of study in Jefferson Medical College, completing the same in 1874, and immediately thereafter he settled in Erie and began the practice of his profession, which he has continued up to the present time. And during his long identity with the medical ranks of Erie, which covers a period of more than thirty-four years, Dr. Silliman has enjoyed a leading position in the profession, gaining both success and honor. In 1878, he married Hattie I., daughter of the late Hugh P. Mehaffey, a native of Erie county, of German and Scotch-Irish descent.

Previous to his college life, Dr. Silliman had a war experience. In 1865 he enlisted in the 102nd P. V. I., Company E, and was with his command until the close of the war. For a number of years he served as Brigade Surgeon of the Second Brigade, N. G. P. He was elected coroner of Erie county in 1875, and continued in that office until 1881. In the meantime, he also served as secretary of the Board of Examining Surgeons of Pensions, to which position he was appointed in 1877. For years he has been identified with numerous fraternal organizations. He maintains membership in the local medical societies, in the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and in the American Medical Association, and he is prominent in the Masonic fraternity. Both he and his wife are active members of the First Methodist church of Erie.

John F. Applebee. The name of John F. Applebee, deceased, is enrolled among the honored pioneers of Erie county, and among the native sons of its township of Harbor Creek, where he was born on the 29th of December, 1829, a son, of one of the earliest families to seek a home in this community, Thomas and Sarah (Fuller) Applebee, from Connecticut. They established their home in Harbor Creek township during a very early epoch in its history, and they were owners of a large farm here and were prominent and well known farming people. After the death of the husband the wife went to Erie, and there she subsequently died.

John F. Applebee, the fourth born of their eleven children, remained with his parents until his marriage, and he spent the following year on a rented farm. During the two years following this period he was the proprietor of a general store in Erie, and then purchasing a farm in Harbor Creek, he was engaged in its cultivation until moving to the borough of Harbor Creek in 1879. From that time until his death, which occurred on the 20th of December, 1906, he was a veterinary surgeon in the village, and was said to be the oldest veterinary surgeon in this section. During his long and useful life he won many friends, and his name is an honored one wherever known.

Mr. Applebee married on September 19, 1854, Maria Stelle, who was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1834, a daughter of James and Naomi (Davis) Stelle, the former from New York and the latter from Crawford county, Pennsylvania. She is a granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Stelle, of French descent, and of Isaac and Nancy Davis, from Wales. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Applebee: Cora Lillian, who died in infancy; Tommie J., who died at the age of three years; and Della Pearl, who died at the

age of five years. Mr. Applebee voted with the Republican party, and he was honored with many local offices. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church, at Harbor Creek and then at Wesleyville. When they first came to Wesleyville they were members of the First Baptist Church at Erie, and the Mission at Wesleyville, and Mr. Applebee was a prime factor in erecting the church building in the village and he gave the ground on which the church was erected. Since her husband's death Mrs. Applebee has resided with Miss Lulu Glas.

Joseph Daniel Babo, a well-known cement and concrete contractor and an active member of the Erie Common Council, was born in the ward which he represents in that body, February 7, 1878. He is a son of John S. and Rose (Fisher) Babo, natives respectively of the United States and Germany. The mother died in 1901. Mr. Babo was reared in Erie, and after obtaining his education at St. John's parochial school entered the employ of the Lovell Manufacturing Company. After spending three years with that concern, he began work in the concrete and cement line, and in 1901 began contracting personally. Since that year he has accomplished a large amount of durable and honest work on the structures and thoroughfares of the city, and has especially added to his substantial reputation in the ward of his residence and birth.

In February, 1909, Mr. Babo was elected to represent the Fifth ward in the common council of Erie, and is a member of the committees on conduits and electric supplies and streets and sidewalks, as well as chairman of the committee on health and water. He is also identified with the Armory and Three C's clubs and is a leading member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Babo's wife (nee Margaret Bickford) was also born in Erie, so that their children, Beatrice and Margaret, are especially daughters of the city. The family is identified with the St. John's Roman Catholic church and the residence is at No. 507 East Twenty-fifth street.

Edward H. Mehl. It can not be other than a matter of satisfaction to find in the pages of this historical compilation specific records concerning many of the native sons of Erie county who are today numbered among its representative citizens in the multifarious lines of business and professional activity. One of this number is Mr. Mehl, who is one of the most progressive business men of his native city of Erie and whose life and labors have added to the prestige of a name honored in Erie county. He is a member of the firm of Mehl & Sapper, one of the oldest and most extensive hardware concerns in this section of the state and one whose reputation rests on the secure foundation of correct business methods and the personal integrity of the interested principals.

Edward H. Mehl was born in the Second ward of the city of Erie on the 12th of May, 1857, and is a son of Michael and Catherine (Witters) Mehl, both natives of France and representatives of stanch old families of that great empire. Michael Mehl was reared and educated in his fatherland, where he learned the barber's trade. In 1848 he severed the ties which bound him to home and native land and set forth to seek his fortunes in America, to whose composite social fabric France has contributed a most valuable element. Soon after his arrival in New York City he came to Erie, and within a short time thereafter he here opened a barber shop of his own,—one of the pioneer establishments of the kind in the place. But it is in connection with musical art

that this honored citizen is best remembered in the city which was so long his home and in which he ever held a secure place in popular confidence and esteem. He came of a musical family, was himself a musician of marked interpretative and appreciative talent and at least four of his sons inherited his taste for the "divine art," becoming prominent in the musical circles of Erie. Michael Mehl organized the first brass band in Erie and was the director and head of the organization for many years, within which he gained, through this association, a wide acquaintanceship throughout this and other sections of the state. His sons Michael, Jr., Charles, and William O., were members of this band, and Edward H., of this review, for many years played the double-bass viol in the Erie Opera House orchestra. Michael Mehl, Sr., died in 1882, at the venerable age of seventy-three years, and his widow was of the same age at the time of her demise, in 1887. Both were members of the Lutheran church, and in politics he gave his allegiance to the Republican party. Of the fourteen children one of the sons and four of the daughters are now living, the surviving son, Edward H., having been the fourteenth in order of birth. Louise is the widow of Joseph Fuess, who was a prominent hardware merchant of the firm of Boyer & Fuess of Erie; Lena is the wife of ex-Sheriff Ernst E. Steurznickel, of this city; Miss Harriet still maintains her home in Erie; and Fredericka is the wife of H. J. Sevin, of Erie.

Edward H. Mehl was reared to manhood in Erie, where in his boyhood and youth he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools, though he initiated his connection with practical business affairs when but a boy. In 1869, when twelve years of age, he engaged in the business of bottling mineral waters, and in the following year he became a clerk in the hardware establishment of Boyer & Fuess, with which firm he continued about ten years, at the expiration of which, in February, 1880, he accepted a clerkship in the establishment of the Erie Hardware Company, with which he remained employed until 1884, when he engaged in the same line of enterprise on his own responsibility, by effecting the organization of the firm of Mehl & Liebel. He brought to bear a most thorough knowledge of all details of the business as well as marked executive and initiative ability and thus, with the further influence of the personal popularity of his partner and himself, the business flourished from the start. In 1887 John N. Sapper purchased the Liebel interest in the business, which has since been continued under the title of Mehl & Sapper and which represents one of the most important enterprises of its kind in the city. The large and modern establishment of the firm affords ample accommodations for the extensive stock carried in the various departments and is eligibly located on State street, where it holds a representative patronage.

Enterprising and progressive as a business man and loyal and public-spirited as a citizen, Mr. Mehl holds as his own the unqualified esteem of the community in which he has maintained his home from the time of his birth and in which he has gained advancement and high business standing through his own well directed endeavors. He is a member of the board of managers of Hamot Hospital, is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the Republican party, though he has never manifested aught of ambition for political preferment, and he and his wife are zealous members of St. John's Lutheran church. He is affiliated with German Lodge, No. 871, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been treasurer for the past six years, and he is also identified

with the encampment and canton of this fraternal organization, in whose affairs he takes a lively interest.

In 1883 Mr. Mehl was united in marriage to Anna J. Müller, daughter of Frederick W. Müller, who was a well known builder and contractor of Erie, and they have four children,—H. Edward, Carl L., Millard M., and Alene A. All of the children remain at the parental home. H. Edward married Belle Blackman, a resident of the state of Florida.

Frederick J. Miller is proprietor of the leading plumbing establishment in Erie and has carried his sound and honorable business principles into the public service to such good purpose as to be of acknowledged benefit to the municipality. He is a native of the city in which he has prospered, and his lifelong residence in it has been mutually beneficial. Born in the Third ward of Erie, on the 8th of April, 1857, he is a son of Henry and Mary Miller, both natives of Germany, where they were reared, educated and married. In the fatherland were born their first two children, and in the forties they emigrated with their family to the United States, soon after their arrival establishing their home in Erie. There, the father entered the employ of the old-time firm of Vincent, Himrod and Pressley, founders of the business upon which was established the Germer Stove Works. Later, he engaged in the draying business, retiring from a successful career in that line a few years before his death in 1887. His wife had passed away in 1866, and both were highly esteemed pioneers of the community, faithful members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. The following eight children (of whom the youngest two are living) were born to Henry and Mary Miller; Henry, Catherine, Louisa, Henry P., John, William, Frederick J. and Charles C. The last named has been, for many years, in the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, with headquarters at Buffalo, New York.

Frederick J. Miller, the seventh child of the family, attended the public schools of Erie until 1872, when, at the age of fifteen, he became an apprentice in the plumbing establishment of Jarecki, Hays and Company, with whom he remained until 1879. Then, a master of the trade, he purchased a half interest in the business of his brother, Henry P., and, under the firm name of Miller Brothers, a growing plumbing establishment was maintained until 1880 in the basement of a building that stood on State street, where the present business of the William E. Hays Company is conducted. In the year named Miller Brothers moved to 1109 State street, where they continued until 1892. In the previous year Frederick J. had purchased ground at the corner of Twelfth and State streets, and upon the rear half of this property he erected a substantial two-story brick building in which the plumbing business was established in 1892. Henry P. Miller died in April, 1893, and the establishment has since been owned and rapidly promoted by the surviving partner. In the spring of 1909 Mr. Miller erected at the corner of Twelfth and State street, on the front half of the lot mentioned, a three story block of brick and stone, the first floor of which is devoted to business purposes and the upper floors to modern flats. The building is one of the most convenient and up-to-date of any in the city, and speaks well for the taste and judgment of one of its leading business men.

While never a politician, Mr. Miller has devoted considerable of his time to municipal affairs, having served as a member of the common council in 1901-2 and of the board of revision of taxes and appeals, in 1904-6. Such honors came to him quite unsolicited, and as a conscien-

tious citizen he therefore felt called upon to exert himself to the utmost to promote the city's interests through the prompt and businesslike performance of his official duties. In this aim he met the expectations of his best constituents and friends. Mr. Miller is a member of the Erie Sanitary Association, Erie Business Men's Exchange, Erie Chamber of Commerce, Erie Maennerchor and the South Erie Turnverein, besides which he is affiliated with Tyrian Lodge No. 362 F. & A. M., the Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection (Masonic) and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family are members of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church and are active in its work and support.

In 1878 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Miller to Ida R. Loesch, who was born and reared in Erie and is a daughter of William Loesch, an old and honored business man of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Miller have become the parents of six children, as follows: Mary, who died at the age of six years; William, John E., Frederick H., Loretta E. and Margaret E. The three sons are associated with their father and are among the popular and progressive young business men of their native city.

Frank Schlaudecker, one of the oldest and best known German citizens of Erie, is a native of Ruletzheim, Rheinish Bavaria, where he was born May 30, 1831. His parents, John Ulrich and Franceska (Druck) Schlaudecker, were both natives of the above-named province. The father was born in 1801 and died in 1865, and the mother died about 1855. To them were born the following children: Matthew, Frank, Jacob, deceased, John Peter, Catherine, Justina and Eva. The three daughters all became nuns in a Catholic order ten years after their arrival in America. Matthew came to the United States in 1849, and engaged in the grocery business with his brother Frank. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war, Matthew raised three companies for three months service, known as the "Erie Regiment," and served as their major. In August of that year, he received authority from the United States War Department to recruit a regiment, which became the One Hundred Eleventh Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, of which he was commissioned colonel, and which he commanded until November 6, 1862, when on account of ill-health he found it necessary to resign his commission and retire from service. Returning to Erie, he resumed business with his brother. Matthew Schlaudecker was a man of considerable prominence in Erie, having helped organize the German Bank, of which he became president, also the German Insurance Company, of which he also became president; both these companies failed in the panic of 1874, the insurance company having been crippled by the great Chicago Fire a few years before. He was also interested in the manufacture of pipe organs in Erie, later removing his interests to Chicago, and still later to San Francisco, in which city he died in September, 1907. John Peter was captain of Company H, One Hundred Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment of Volunteers, from its organization in 1861 until December 29, 1863, being discharged from service with a surgeon's certificate.

Frank Schlaudecker was engaged in the grocery business in his native country, and upon coming to America in September, 1849, and settling in Erie, found employment in the store of Cassimer Seigel, where he worked until 1852, and then with his brother Matthew embarked in business under the firm name of F. & M. Schlaudecker; this firm did a flourishing business until 1870, when Matthew Schlaudecker withdrew

from the firm and the enterprise was carried on four years longer by the remaining brother, after which he also retired from business. In 1875 Mr. Schlaudecker was elected justice of the peace, to which office he was twice re-elected, and in 1884 was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue of Erie District, in which capacity he served two years. When the Erie and Pittsburg districts were consolidated, Mr. Schlaudecker continued three years in charge of the Erie Office as deputy collector. In 1867 Mr. Schlaudecker was elected a member of the common council of Erie although he did not know until his election that he was to be a candidate; he was re-elected in 1869 and served as president until his retirement from the same. For many years he has been interested in insurance, having first taken up the business while he was serving as justice of the peace, continuing same while he was in the customs office, and at present is at the head of the firm of F. Schlaudecker & Son. This firm, organized in 1903, does a flourishing business, its interests being actively cared for by the junior member, Leo. P. Schlaudecker.

Frank Schlaudecker is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of Erie, being one of its earliest adherents, and was a member of the building committee at the time the present magnificent edifice was erected. He was at different times president of the St. George Society, and for many years a leading member of the choir. He was a charter member of the Erie Liedertafel Society and one of the oldest members of the Maennerchor.

Mr. Schlaudecker married Catherine Schlaudecker, who was born May 30, 1830, in Bavaria, and came to United States and to Erie with her parents, in 1837, and to them have been born the following children: Edward, (deceased) married Carrie Aumer, and they had one daughter, Leona, who is now deceased; Cornelius (deceased); married to Isabella Cummings, now also deceased, and they had one daughter, Bertha, who is living; Julius, also deceased, who married Estella Kleinfelter and they had a daughter, Estella; Leo. P., engaged with his father in the insurance business, and married to Winnifred Main.

Clark Olds, one of the most prominent citizens of Erie, a leading attorney, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Board of Water Commissioners, is a native son of Erie, and a descendant of one of the county's most respected pioneer families. His grandfather, Asa Gilbert Olds, founder of this branch of the family, was a native of the State of New Hampshire, where he was born in Alstead, November 15, 1793; when a child he removed, with his parents, to Williamstown, Vermont, where he grew to manhood. In 1813, Asa G. Olds travelled westward, looking for a location in which to settle, and went afoot all the way from his Vermont home to Cynthiana, Kentucky, passing through northern Pennsylvania and Ohio. The next winter, 1814, he loaded his possessions into a wagon, and with an ox team started West, his objective point being the Western Reserve, of Ohio; he reached Erie in the dead of winter and stopped over nigth, intending to proceed with his journey the next morning, but during the night there was a thaw, and the snow had disappeared, leaving the roads heavy with mud and impassable. This small incident decided the temporary location of the family in Erie county, and their surroundings became so agreeable that they settled permanently in the vicinity. Mr. Olds purchased a farm in East Mill Creek, built a house, and lived there the remainder of his life; he died December 8, 1871. He was a public-spirited man and an

ardent Whig, and at the time of the abolition movement was very much in sympathy with the famous "underground railway" movement. He was a quiet, thoughtful, religious man, and would prefer to suffer pecuniary loss rather than become involved in a lawsuit. He was a charter member and an earnest worker in the interests of the First Baptist church of Erie. Mr. Olds married, April 17, 1821, Lucy Church, who was born at Winstead, Connecticut; she was the daughter of John Church, who at the age of eighteen years enlisted in the Continental Army at Saybrook, Connecticut, was with General Arnold at the siege of Quebec, in 1776, and at the battle of Saratoga, where General Arnold was wounded, Mr. Olds helped him from his house. Asa Gilbert Olds and his wife were blessed with the following children: Lewis W., Nelson, Erskine, Clarissa, and Emily J.

Lewis W., father of Clark Olds, was born in East Mill Creek township, Erie county, July 21, 1822; he received his education in the district schools and at the Erie Academy, after which he taught school for several years. In 1844 he began the manufacture of pumps at East Mill Creek, removed his factory to Erie in 1853, and continued the enterprise there until about fifteen years ago, when on account of the fact that the so-called "cucumber timber" of this section was exhausted, he found it necessary to abandon the business. He was very successful, and was the first man in the central states, if not in the world, to make the old log pump an article of commerce; previous to the Civil war he shipped a large number of pumps to the south, the first consignment being hauled to Waterford, from which point he sent them by water to shipping points along the Ohio River, as far as Louisville, Kentucky. The Civil war, however, destroyed this trade, leaving him with many bad debts. Later he shipped his pumps in boat loads by water to Chicago and Milwaukee, supplying the states of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin with pumps.

Lewis W. Olds was one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens in Erie, and appreciated that city's resources and future; he believed in its future, and helped in its development along many lines. He erected many residence and business buildings, among the latter being the Old Block on State street, which he built in 1869. This block, although one of the first large ones built in Erie, is still one of the city's most up-to-date buildings, owing to the fact that when Mr. Olds erected it he spared no pains to have it meet not only present requirements, but also future needs. In this block is the "Boston Store," the largest department store of Erie, which has a flourishing trade. The building was the first in the city to be built with iron beams over the entrances, iron cornices and fire-proof floors, also the first to be fitted with plate glass windows, which were made in England, to order. At the time of his death Mr. Olds owned a large amount of city real estate, also large portions of land in Iowa and Missouri. He was much interested in public affairs, though he was not desirous of holding public office. He served a period of twelve years or more as a member of the school board, also was for a number of years on the board of directors of the county poor; the present almshouse was erected under his personal supervision. Though liberal and tolerant in his religious beliefs, he was a supporter of the church. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Masons in Erie, having become a member of the order at Westfield, New York, where he and several other residents of Erie attended meetings many years before a lodge was instituted in Erie; they were known as "Westfield Masons." His death occurred June 25, 1908, and his loss was

mourned by the entire community. Mr. Olds was married, at Erie, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1848, to Louisa E. Ackerley, born in Middletown, New York, March 11, 1826, and who died in 1901; they had the following children: Inez L., Clark, Nettie M., Phila, William C., Florence, and Charlotta M.

Clark Olds was born in East Mill Creek Township, July 14, 1850, received his early education in the common schools, prepared for college at Erie Academy, and in 1866 entered Michigan University, where he graduated in the class of 1870, with degree B. S. Two years later he received degree M. S. While attending the University he became connected with the United States Lake Survey, and after his graduation was appointed an Assistant Engineer; he remained in the service until 1875, although he spent the years of 1872-3 on vacation at Leipsic University, in Germany, where he studied law. He continued his legal studies in Erie, and April 26, 1876, was admitted to the bar, and a short time later, to practice in the Federal Courts. Since that time Mr. Olds has been engaged in active practice of his profession, making a specialty of admiralty practice, in which line he has met with flattering success.

Mr. Olds has long taken an active interest in public affairs, more especially in municipal matters, giving freely his time and attention towards improving the city's public institutions, and he has been of great service to the city as member of the City Water Board, to his efforts being due the fact that the city has a generous supply of pure water. He became a member of the Water Board January 1, 1896, and since that time has served with great credit; during this time the system has been practically rebuilt, a large new pump has been installed as well as a new boiler house being erected, and the city belted by water mains. His fight for pure water, which he never abated until it was accomplished, has resulted in the building of an intake three and one half miles long, extending one mile beyond Presque Isle, into Lake Erie, thus insuring a pure supply of water. After serving a year on the water board, Mr. Olds was made president of same, although the junior member, but January 1, 1908, he surrendered this position and was succeeded by Willis B. Durling, the present head of the department. Mr. Olds was originator of the idea of a new dock for the city, and as president of the Chamber of Commerce, had practical charge of the matter, and superintended the completion of the project. He is a member of the Erie Club, and of the Republican party.

Mr. Olds married, December 13, 1876, Livia E., daughter of Chauncey Keator, of Cortland, New York, and they had the following children: Romeyn K., deceased, Irving Sands, graduate of Yale University, now a junior in Harvard University Law School, Marguerite E., deceased.

Louie Charles Schauble is not only the leading photographer in the city of Erie, but he is the only one of his guild there who has the facilities to take likenesses according to the most modern requirements of art and science and, if desired, to enlarge the photograph or to frame it with up-to-date taste. The accessories to his regular photographic studio make his establishment somewhat unique and certainly one of the most complete in the state. This feature of his business shows both originality and sound judgment, and Mr. Schauble's numerous patrons have stamped their approval of his forethought in a substantial way—in the gratifying form of substantial dollars and cents.

Chas. Hagenbucher.

Mr. Schauble is a native of the Second ward of Erie, born March 2, 1875, the son of the late William G. Schauble. The father was a native of Germany, born in the year 1834; came to the United States when a young man, locating successively at New York City and at Erie, and dying in the latter city in 1893. Louie C. was reared in Erie and educated in the city schools. In 1890, when in his sixteenth year, he commenced to learn photography in Fred Pfaff's State street gallery, and in 1892 entered the employ of F. W. Weber, on Ninth street. After remaining with Mr. Weber for fourteen years he bought the business, and as he had purchased Mr. Pfaff's place in September, 1905, while still conducting the Weber studio, he entered the field as an independent factor under very favorable auspices. Until 1906 he operated the two studios jointly, but in that year he found the State street business growing so rapidly that he decided to dispose of the Ninth street establishment. Since he has carried out that decision he has made his studio at 1011 State street one of the finest in Pennsylvania, if not in the States. He has accomplished this by not only meeting the requirements of a cultured and discerning public, but by the quiet force of his courtesy and through his wide acquaintance in the city of his birth and continuous residence.

Mr. Schauble is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Exchange, and is widely known in the fraternal orders, being especially prominent as an Odd Fellow. In the last named order he has served as district deputy grand master, chief patriot, commandant and noble grand. He is also an active Knight of Pythias and a Mason. Mr. Schauble's wife was formerly Miss Pearl Irish, daughter of Frank Irish, of this county, and she is the mother of Frank T. and Kenneth F. Schauble.

Charles Hagenlocher was born in the Fifth ward of the City of Erie on the fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1878. He was the third child born of Jacob and Hannah (Rose) Hagenlocher, who, in early life, moved to this country from Germany. Tracing Mr. Hagenlocher's genealogy, we discover that a few generations ago, one of his ancestors was of Scotch origin; thus in his lineage is intermingled Scotch and German. During his early youth, Mr. Hagenlocher attended the public schools of this city, mastering with great aptitude the different branches of learning taught therein. Upon leaving school, he entered the coal office of R. J. Saltsman as an assistant. There he received his early business education, which later proved to be such a valuable asset.

On December 5th, 1902, Mr. Hagenlocher purchased the real estate and insurance business belonging to Frank Sawdey at 922 State street, where he has ever since remained. This business, when first purchased was in an embryo state, yet through the untiring efforts, the judicious management, the shrewd business ability and the keen insight of Mr. Hagenlocher it has assumed gigantic proportions. Year by year it has grown, year by year it has sent out its tiny tentacles, until, at the present time it is confined to a territory no less than that covered by the City of New York.

In 1905, Mr. Hagenlocher was elected a member of the school board of the City of Erie. Retaining that position for three years, and serving during that time on numerous committees, he was enabled to accomplish much in behalf of public education. He is actively connected with the Young Men's Christian Association and the Royal Arcanum. The

Board of Trade, the Business Men's Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce number him among their most active and energetic members.

Mr. Hagenlocher is conceded one of the best judges of real estate possibilities and insurance hazards in Northwestern Pennsylvania. He has negotiated many of the largest realty transactions in the history of Erie county.

Dr. John William Wright is a leading physician of Erie, who has enjoyed an especially prominent connection with the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He is a native of Richmond township, Crawford county, that state, born September 24, 1868, and is a son of Delos A. and Virginia (White) Wright. His father was born in Busti, Chautauqua county, New York, on the 13th of May, 1840, being a son of William and Elizabeth (Kelso) Wright, natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut respectively. The father engaged in farming until 1873 and then embarked in the manufacture of butter and cheese, at one time operating three factories in Crawford county. In 1876 he disposed of these interests and engaged in the same industrial line at Saegerstown, Pennsylvania, moving to Union City, Erie county, in 1882, where he established himself as a produce dealer and also became identified with other large business interests at different points in Pennsylvania. In April, 1865, Delos Wright married Miss Virginia White, daughter of David and Polly (Lyon) White, natives of Crawford county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Wright died November 11, 1871, and in 1873 Mr. Wright married Mary daughter of George and Sarah (McCullough) Charmer, her parents both being natives of England.

John William Wright, of this biography, was left a half-orphan by the death of his mother when he was three years of age, and for some years thereafter resided with his paternal aunt. He received a public school education during this period and in 1883 when fifteen years of age, moved to Union City, where he continued his studies in the local high school. In the autumn of 1887 he entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, graduated therefrom in 1890, and after pursuing a course in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, in the winter of 1890-1, began practice at Wattsburg, Erie county. Three years of professional work followed at that place, and before the doctor resumed practice he took a thorough course at the New York Post Graduate School. In June, 1895, he located at Erie and in May of the following year assumed the duties of city health officer, a position which he still holds. During the year 1896 Dr. Wright was also appointed deputy county inspector for the State Board of Health, being an efficient incumbent of that position until 1903, when he was chosen county inspector and county quarantine officer of that body. In 1905 the State Department of Health superceded the State Board, and Dr. Wright was reappointed to the office mentioned, as well as chosen local registrar of vital statistics. Upon the establishment of a tuberculosis dispensary at Erie he was named as the physician in charge.

Dr. Wright has become an authority on the treatment of all forms of pulmonary diseases, or he would not be at the head of the Erie dispensary. He is an active member of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, and in his relations to professional organizations of a more general nature is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, State Medical Society of Pennsylvania and the

American Medical Association. He also belongs to the American Public Health Association, the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and the American Association of Medical Examiners.

In 1897 Dr. Wright received an appointment as first lieutenant and assistant surgeon in the Fifteenth Regiment, N. G. P., his commission being dated May 1st of that year. On April 27, 1898, he responded to the presidential call for troops, and was enrolled in the service of the United States for the Spanish-American war, arriving on the following day at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania, which was later christened Camp Hastings. There, on May 5th, he was formally mustered into service in the position to which he had been commissioned, and on the 11th of June the command was ordered to Sheridan Point Post, Virginia, where it arrived on the next day. On September 9th the regiment was transferred to Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, performing general provost duty from the 10th of that month to October 2nd; was attached to the first brigade, second division, second army corps, from that date until October 29th, and was then transferred to the first brigade, third division, second army corps, remaining thus assigned until its final muster-out. On November 11th the regiment left Camp Meade for Camp Haskell, Georgia, where it arrived on the 14th and remained until it was mustered out of the service January 31, 1899. On December 9, 1898, Dr. Wright had been promoted and re-commissioned as major and surgeon, and three days afterward was re-mustered into the service in his new position and re-assigned to the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Regiment. Upon the muster-out of the command he returned to Erie and resumed private practice, but on July 11, 1900, was again commissioned first lieutenant and assistant surgeon of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, being assigned to the Sixteenth Regiment and serving with it until his resignation from the state military service July 29, 1901. He is an active member of the Spanish War Veterans and the Military Order of the Serpent. As a fraternalist connected with the secret and benevolent orders he is widely known, especially in the work of Masonry. In this order he is a member of the Tyrian Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Council, R. & S. M.; Mount Olivet Commandery, K. T.; Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., and Zem Zem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Elks and Knights of Pythias. What is more to the point, he also carried the spirit of fraternalism and good will which is inculcated by such orders into the individual and private relations of his life.

On October 15, 1900, Dr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Clara Katharine Keller, daughter of Edward Keller, and of their union are two children—Edward K., who was born October 8, 1902, and died a week later, and Elizabeth K., born October 31, 1904.

Henry C. Missimer. In the various professions and pursuits to which men devote their time and energies, not one is of more importance and value to the general public than that of the educator, whose task it is to develop the latent faculties and talents of the child, bringing into prominence those most beneficial to the individual and to the world, and to so train our boys and girls that they may become race benefactors in the broadest sense implied by the term. The life of Henry C. Missimer, for the past eighteen years superintendent of the Erie schools, has been cast along these lines, and the fruit of his professional labors may be seen by the high standing of the schools under his charge as compared with those in cities of like size. A native of

Pennsylvania, he was born in Montgomery county, near Pottstown, a section of the state in which his immediate ancestors were pioneer settlers. The emigrant ancestor of the Missimer family came from the border country between France and Germany to the United States nearly two centuries ago, locating first in Maryland, and subsequently removing to the Keystone state, where he purchased a thousand acres of land along Spragel's Run a tributary of the Schuylkill River below Pottstown.

Receiving his rudimentary education in the common schools, Mr. Missimer subsequently attended the High School, in Pottstown, and at the age of fourteen years had read the usual requirements for college preparation. Entering then Yale University, he was there graduated with the class of 1869, being one of the honor men, and receiving the degree of A. B. Three years later his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of A. M., an honor of which he was eminently worthy. For a short time in his earlier life, he was engaged in general business, but in 1872 embarked upon his professional career, becoming a teacher at New Brighton, near Pittsburg. Putting forth his best energies, he organized the schools of that vicinity, placed them upon a permanent working basis, while there establishing for himself an excellent reputation as an instructor, and as a disciplinarian. Coming from there to Erie, Mr. Missimer was for nearly eighteen years principal of the Erie High School, filling the position with great acceptance, winning the approval of its friends and patrons, and the high regard and esteem of its pupils. Under his regime, the schools flourished from year to year, the enrollment, which was but one hundred pupils when he assumed its charge, being greatly increased, while each year a much larger number received diplomas. In 1890 Mr. Missimer was chosen superintendent of the city schools, and has served most ably and satisfactorily since, his long record of service in this capacity bearing speaking evidence of his marked success. Talented, scholarly, thoroughly conversant with the more modern methods of teaching, and possessing great executive ability, he has raised the standard of the schools under his management to a high plane of efficiency, bringing them up-to-date in every respect, making them equal to those of any similar city, and the superior of very many. Mr. Missimer is known to some extent in the lecture field, and through his various written works, the productions of his pen being received as authority in educational circles, many of his articles having been incorporated in the reports of the National Commission of Education.

Mr. Missimer married, in 1875, Emma, daughter of Hugh P. Mehaffey, of Erie, and to them six children have been born.

Charles Monroe Wheeler. The name Wheeler is so well known in the industrial circles of old Erie county as to need no introduction to the readers of The Twentieth Century History of Erie County. C. M. Wheeler comes from good old Hampshire stock being born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, January 29, 1826. He was a son of Stephen and Hannah (Stratton) Wheeler, both natives of New Hampshire, but of Scotch descent. Stephen Wheeler was a character of progress and marked ability. He served his people as an official in his county and was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention and was a member a number of terms of the state legislature. He died in 1860.

Charles M. Wheeler received a good practical education both in the public schools and the Academy of his native town. He spent his life till 1852 in his native county as an agriculturist and in that year located in Erie county in the Township of Le Boeuf and this township was his home till his death. Besides being a successful farmer, he was proprietor of a cheese factory and a saw mill in Le Boeuf township and had large lumber interests in Forest county, Pennsylvania, besides large land holdings in Minnesota. He represented his people in the state legislature in 1891 and 1893.

He wedded Miss Sarah J. Clark, daughter of Eben Clark, December 6, 1854, and five children blessed this marriage: Edward E., fully represented elsewhere in this work; Orton H., a manufacturer in Erie; Fred C.; Walker S., one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of North East township, also mentioned in another part of this work, and Dr. Arthur C. Wheeler. Charles M. Wheeler indelibly stamped his great business personality upon the pages of Erie county's history. He was a man of strict integrity of character and he was possessed of those sterling attributes which give prestige to the thorough business man. He set an example in the business affairs of life which has been followed by his worthy sons.

Isaac Baker is one of the leading wholesale and retail clothing merchants of Erie, being senior member of the well known firm of Isaac Baker and Son. His many years' residence in this city has been spent not only in establishing this extensive business but in promoting the public interests of Erie in many directions. For twenty-one years he has been a member of the local board of education; has long been deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the city library and also identified with hopsital and charitable work. He is a native of Germany, born in the province of Rhine, August 22, 1847, being a son of Bernard and Barbara Baker, both natives of the fatherland. When the family came to the United States in 1849, they located at once in Erie but after remaining there for about two months removed to Girard, same county, which remained the family home for some eight or nine years, during which time the father was engaged in general merchandising. Mr. Baker then returned to Erie with his family where he established a clothing and dry goods business and was thus engaged until the time of his death, his wife having passed away several years previous.

Isaac Baker, of this sketch, was reared in Girard and Erie, received a good common school education in these two places and at the age of fourteen became his father's regular assistant in the conduct of his business, subsequently becoming a member of the firm. Upon the retirement of the senior member of the firm from active business, Isaac Baker and his brother-in-law succeeded to the business, their store then being located in the Brown Block, No. 10 State street, in about 1869 they purchased what was then known as the Caldwell Block (subsequently the Empire Block) on the southeast corner of Fourth and State streets, which they remodeled into what became the leading wholesale and retail clothing store, as well as merchant tailoring house in Erie or this portion of the state. The original style of the firm was B. Baker but upon his son's association with his brother-in-law, Jacob Ostheimer, it became Baker and Ostheimer. Upon the retirement of the latter,

Alfred Baker, son of Isaac, was admitted into the firm which then became Isaac Baker and Son, as at present.

Mr. Baker is acknowledged not only to be one of the leading merchants of Erie but among its most public spirited and progressive citizens, his interest in all forms of public education and charitable work being especially deep. He was one of the original promoters of the Erie public library, having been one of the board which permitted the city to own its own library and largely through his energy and wisdom this institution has become one of the leaders of its kind in the state. As stated, he has also been identified with the local board of education for twenty-one years, having served as president of that body for several terms. He has also been a trustee of St. Vincent's Hospital since its organization and president of the same one term. He is also at the head of various social and religious organizations of the city; is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and is also a director in the Security and Savings Bank of which he was one of the organizers. Mr. Baker is of the Hebrew faith and has long been president of the Jewish church in Erie.

Mr. Baker was married to Miss Bertha Einhorn, a native of New York City, and daughter of Rev. Dr. David Einhorn, one of the most noted reform rabbis of his time. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker are as follows:—Clara, the widow of J. Mayer, of Cleveland; Alfred, a member of the firm of Isaac Baker and Son: Edward M., now residing in Cleveland; and Belle and Florence, both living with their parents.

Henry E. Fish, member of the firm of Gunnison, Rilling and Fish, a leading law firm of Erie is not the only representative of his profession whose thoroughness and prominence may be traced to his long training as an official court reporter. Such an experience insures an unusually precise and practical knowledge of legal forms and court procedures, and when grafted upon systematic study of the principles of the law makes a professional equipment of remarkable solidity. Mr. Fish is a native of Otego, Otsego county, New York, born on the 9th of April, 1863, and is a son of Liberal C. and Mary (Briggs) Fish, both also natives of the Empire state. He completed his literary education at the Gilbertsville (New York) Academy, and located at Erie in 1881. For the succeeding years he held the position of official stenographer in the courts of Erie, Lawrence and McKean counties, Pennsylvania. During that period he also prosecuted his law studies under the preceptorship of the late John P. Vincent and Judge Emory A. Walling.

Mr. Fish was admitted to the Erie bar in 1889, to the superior and supreme courts of Pennsylvania in 1896, and also to the federal courts in the latter year. In 1891, two years after becoming a legalized attorney, he resigned his position as official stenographer, and has since practiced law only, his leadership at the bar having been especially pronounced as a civil and corporation attorney. In 1895 he became associated with William G. Crosby, as senior member of the firm Fish and Crosby, and three years later became junior of Rilling and Fish. In 1907, by the admission of Judge Frank Gunnison, the firm assumed its present style, Gunnison, Rilling and Fish. Mr. Fish is an active and valued member of the co-partnership and, individually, is both the attorney and a director of the Security and Savings Bank of Erie. In

Masonry, he is a Knight Templar, has attained the Scottish rite and is a Shriner; and is also identified with the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Erie and Kahkwa clubs.

On June 25, 1889, Mr. Fish married Miss Nellie Slocum, daughter of the late R. M. Slocum, an old resident of Erie, and to them have been born the following: Roger E., in 1892, who is now a student at Princeton University, and Howard Mc, born in 1895.

Davenport Galbraith. To the enlisting of men of notable enterprise, ability and integrity in the furtherance of her commercial and industrial activities is to be ascribed the great material and civic prosperity of the city of Erie, and among those prominent and honored in such connection stands Davenport Galbraith of this brief review, who is a native of this city and a scion of one of its best known families. He is a member of the bar of his native county and vice president of the Erie Trust Company; one of the leading financial institutions of this section of the old Keystone state.

Davenport Galbraith was born in the city which is now his home, April 8th, 1862. He is a son of the late Judge William A. Galbraith, long a distinguished member of the bar of Pennsylvania and also a jurist of high reputation. Davenport Galbraith was graduated at Yale University, in 1884, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and then matriculated in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After his admission to the bar of his native state he became associated with his father in the practice of his profession. After a few years, however, he virtually withdrew from this connection as another field of activity offered special attractions to him. He thus became one of the organizers and incorporators of the Erie Dime Savings & Trust Company, of which he was vice-president from the inception until the institution was reorganized under his direction, as the Erie Trust Company, of which he has since served as vice-president. He has given the major portion of his time and attention to the building up of this stanch and popular institution, and its success from the start has been in large degree due to his able executive policy and unflagging attention to its affairs. He enjoys unequivocal popularity in the business and social circles of his native city, is independent in politics and is identified with the Erie, the Kahkwa, the Yacht and the Golf Clubs.

On the 18th of June, 1885, Mr. Galbraith was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Downing, daughter of Jerome F. Downing, of Erie.

Alured P. Burton. Ranking high among the substantial business men of Erie is Alured P. Burton, who has been an important factor in advancing its growth and prosperity. He is one of the best known citizens of this place, and its leading undertaker, being at the head of the firm of A. P. Burton & Sons, of No. 1219 Peach street. His influence as a man of honor and integrity is felt throughout the community, his sterling qualities of heart and mind being everywhere recognized and respected. A native of this city, he was born, September 4, 1836, a son of David and Elizabeth (Irvine) Burton. His grandparents, John and Phoebe (Wooster) Burton, came from Connecticut to Erie county in 1811, locating in Mill Creek township, where they

took up a large tract of land, on which they spent the remaining years of their lives.

David Burton was born in Connecticut, February 16, 1793, and when about eighteen years of age came with the family to Mill Creek township. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and aided in the building of Perry's fleet. He assisted his father in clearing a homestead from its original wildness, and was subsequently engaged in various kinds of business, spending a large part of his active life in the city of Erie, dying January 30, 1869. His wife, Elizabeth Irvine, was born, January 1, 1797, in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and came to Erie county on a visit, when she met David Burton. She survived him a few years, passing away May 9, 1875. They were two of the original members of the class which, organized in 1826, was the nucleus of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Erie, now the Seventh Street Church. Ten children were born of their union, namely: Peter E., born March 16, 1816, served as sheriff of Erie county, and died October 19, 1863; John, born October 19, 1818, died April 23, 1863; Andrew, born May 26, 1823, served as treasurer of Erie City, and died June 19, 1894; Wooster, born April 16, 1828, died October 28, 1856; Alured P., of this brief biography; Hannah, born September 16, 1825, married M. A. Dunning, of Erie; Sarah, born September 16, 1825, married A. P. Durlin, of Erie; Mary, born May 10, 1827, died June 19, 1829; Elsie, born September 19, 1831, died January 15, 1884; and Charlotte E., born April 4, 1839, married D. J. Pfouts, of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

After leaving the public schools, Alured P. Burton attended the Erie Academy for awhile, and at the age of fourteen years began to learn the trade of a printer, which he subsequently followed a number of years. He was assistant post master in 1861-2 and afterwards with his father and brother Andrew, he was here employed in the coal business for awhile. Establishing himself in the undertaking business in Erie in 1876, Mr. Burton has since continued it successfully, being well liked, and very popular throughout the community. He has a thorough knowledge of the art and science connected with his profession, and for many years has been very prominent as an undertaker, and very widely known in connection with the Tri-County and State Funeral Directors' Association, of which he was president for a time. He is still a member of that organization, and also belongs to the National Funeral Directors' Association. In 1895, without solicitation on his part, Mr. Burton was appointed by Governor Hastings a member of the first State Board of Undertakers, and at the first meeting of that body, held in Philadelphia, November 1, 1895, he was chosen treasurer of the board. In these organizations, the object of which is to promote the knowledge of the business, and provide for co-operation among its members, Mr. Burton has been quite active and prominent.

Mr. Burton married, October 1, 1857, Susan, daughter of George W. Brecht, of East Mill Creek township, Erie county. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton, namely: Charles H., George D., Lewis E., one daughter who died in infancy; Harry, of the firm of A. P. Burton & Sons, and Ramsay, also associated in business with his father. These sons, Harry and Ramsay, are well acquainted with the details of undertaking, and share with their father the responsibilities of the extensive business which the firm is managing. Religiously Mr. Burton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Burton, also, belongs. Politically he is a steadfast Repub-

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lican, and has served as a member of the common council. Fraternally he is active and influential in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar, and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Victory M. Thompson, deceased, was for many years closely identified with the development of the transportation, coal, oil and real estate interests of northwestern Pennsylvania, and was recognized as one of the most progressive business men and citizens of Erie for a period of over thirty years. Mr. Thompson was a native of Madison county, New York, where he was born on August 7, 1829, the son of Joseph S. and Rachel (Case) Thompson. The father was born in the Green Mountain state, son of Joseph Thompson, a native of France, who originally settled in Massachusetts and thence moved to Vermont. The maternal family was of Scotch origin.

The parents of Victory M. located at Erie in 1832, and in 1848, when nineteen years of age, the youth engaged in the canal boat business—not as a laborer, but as proprietor of a number of boats which he operated and later owned, organizing what was long known as the "Thompson Line." During this period he also became interested in the oil business, owning and operating the Erie City Oil Works, one of the early refineries in the United States. Besides controlling this transportation line and conducting his oil refining business, Mr. Thompson as a young man carried on a successful coal business, at Erie, Pennsylvania, and also operated at Meadville, Pennsylvania. Furthermore, he had other large commercial interests, and was an extensive holder of real estate in many of the points around which his business interests centered. At his prime, in fact, he was considered one of the most eminent business men of northern Pennsylvania.

Victory M. Thompson married Rebecca, daughter of John and Esther (Gillespie) Glenn, who was a native of Erie. Her father was born in the north of Ireland, and was a pioneer and honored citizen of Erie county. Mr. Thompson died in October, 1887, his wife having passed away the year before. Their eldest son, Clarence L., still occupies the old Thompson residence at Eighth and Cherry streets, where he has resided for forty-five years.

Orlando E. Crouch, president and treasurer of Crouch Brothers Company, representing the largest milling industry of Erie, is also one of the pioneer millers of the county. The standing of the family as a leading factor in founding the infant communities of the county is further strengthened by the fact that the paternal grandfather, Phineas Crouch, migrated with his family from his native county of Rutland, Vermont, to Erie county, as early as 1817. He first located in Fairview township, at a later date settling permanently in McKean township. The maternal grandparents John and Harriet May, were natives of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and settled in the locality about the same time as the Crouches. The parents of Orlando E., Ansel and Nancy (May) Crouch, were natives respectively of Rutland county, Vermont, and Canaan, New Hampshire, the father being born in 1794, and the mother in 1804. The former was an industrious and prosperous farmer, and Orlando E. was born on the family homestead in McKean township, on the 18th of September, 1835. He is the fifth in order of birth, the other members of the family being Melissa, Sophronia, Phineas and Harvey L., deceased; Joseph B., a resident of Erie; and John M., who is also dead.

Orlando E. Crouch, of this sketch, was reared on the farm in McKean township until he was sixteen years of age and soon afterward (in 1852) he became an apprentice at the milling trade and business at Wesleyville, a suburb of Erie. In 1857 he located at Erie and in the following year, with his brother Phineas, he purchased the old Fairmount mill on East Eighth street. Fourteen years of successful business enabled them to build the Merchant Mills and when this plant was burned in 1892 they proceeded to erect larger and more modern mills. They were completed in the year following the fire, and the business was subsequently incorporated with Phineas Crouch as president and Orlando E. Crouch as treasurer and he subsequently became president. He is therefore at the head of the largest and oldest industry of the kind in Erie; is an active member of the board of trade, a director of the Peoples' Bank, and a citizen who, in every respect, is a credit to his fine, sturdy family and his American citizenship. Since his youth he has been an earnest Methodist and for years has been a substantial and an active supporter of the First church of Erie. Mr. Crouch's wife was known before her marriage as Miss Carrie L. Dickinson. She is a native of Wattsburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dr. S. and Harriet (Maxwell) Dickinson. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Crouch are as follows: Martha, Charles R.; Ruth E., who is now Mrs. E. H. Suerkin, of Erie; and Edith A., who married R. C. Arbuckle, also of that city.

Charles Henry Taft, a native son, conducts one of the most extensive tailoring establishments in Erie. From a small beginning through his patience and perseverance and the manifestation of a high grade of business sagacity he has founded an enterprise which from year to year gradually enhanced in value until at present he is numbered among the leading tailors of the Bay city. Not only in business lines is he well known and highly respected but also socially inasmuch as he occupies a high place as a citizen who largely devotes himself to the uppermost interests of the city and as well to the cultivation of a wide circle of intimate friends.

Mr. Taft, as above stated, is a native son and represents one of the oldest families of this emporium. His grandparents were Thruman and Sarah E. (Ross) Taft, originally from Vermont and Connecticut, respectively. They were both of distinguished New England families, the former being of Scotch-Irish while the latter was of Scotch descent. It is worthy of remark here that the Taft family, which is now under consideration, is identical with that from which descended the present president of the United States, William H. Taft. At an early date Thruman J. Taft located in this city and was the promoter and proprietor of one of the pioneer lime kilns established here. In the conduct of his business he supplied lime for the building of the first "Reed House" and for a number of other well known edifices. Later in life he removed to the state of Iowa where he entered into rest, while his widow, who survived him for a number of years, passed into the beyond in this city.

Joseph R. Taft, the father of Charles Henry, was born on the corner of Sixth and Walnut streets in Erie in 1844. He courted the distinction of being the first baggagemaster to go out from Erie on the first passenger train which was put into operation on the Pittsburg & Erie Railroad running between this city and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Later he became a conductor on the same road, continuing to perform the duties of that station for many years. Later in his life he and his family

repaired to Iowa where they purchased a farm and for about ten years they engaged in agricultural pursuits. However, husbandry not being that occupation for which he was best fitted, he gave it up and, returning to Erie, again he engaged in railroading, in which he continued until he passed out of this life on October 10, 1905, when he was in his sixty-first year. His wife was Sarah E. Lindsley, a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who still survives. In their family were the following children: Charles H.; Arthur N., of this city; May, who was united in marriage with Charles M. Pierce, and resides in New York City; Mrs. Jennie Standbauch, a resident of Buffalo, New York; Ross L., a resident of Erie; Sarah E., the wife of Irvin Foster, residents of Rochester, New York; and Raymond R., also of this city.

East Eleventh street between Holland and German streets in the sixth ward, was the birthplace of Charles H. Taft and there he entered into this life January 29, 1867. His education was acquired in the city schools and upon completing his studies he engaged in employment in various capacities in different business houses here for a considerable length of time when eventually he launched out in the merchant tailoring business at No. 1504 Peach street, making this independent venture about the year 1891. Meeting with success in his enterprise the volume of his trade soon required that he seek larger quarters in a more favorable district and he removed to No. 6 West Eleventh street, where he remained for a time and in 1908 assumed charge at his present location on Peach street in the Kimberly Hotel block. Here he conducts a high class tailoring establishment and is one of the most popular men in this line of trade in the city, his popularity being so great that he courts the reputation of being the leading tailor in the Bay city. His trade is exclusively of the very best, his motto being, "there is nothing too good to go into clothes" and as a consequence his extensive and prosperous business is an evident demonstration that he daily lives in obedience to the rule which he has set for the government of his business. He turns out the highest class workmanship, being very careful at all times to give value received and his output brings him, in every instance, the highest approval and as a consequence, as the years have passed by, he has increased his patronage to such an extent that he is now one of the most reliable and highly respected business men of the city.

Mr. Taft wedded Miss Dora Woodworth, a native of Girard, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Parker Woodworth, the couple having one son, Harold, who is now in his fourteenth year.

Fraternally Mr. Taft is well known, being a member of the Masonic fraternity and he also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, while socially he finds pleasure as a member of the Country Club. Religiously both he and his wife uphold the Presbyterian faith and are stanch supporters of a local church of that denomination. In this he has deviated somewhat from the faith marked out by his ancestors inasmuch as his grandparents were pioneers of the First Baptist church of this city. Mr. Taft is a man of excellent qualities of character whose straightforward dealing has commended him to the highest respect of every one throughout the community and he is justly entitled to honorable mention as one of Erie's foremost business men.

Frank J. Detzel. One of the successful and enterprising citizens of Erie, Frank J. Detzel is a fine representative of the German element that has added so materially to the thrift and prosperity of the city.

Public-spirited and liberal, he willingly devotes much of his time and money to advancing the interests of city and county, and is now, in the spring of 1909, representing his district in the Pennsylvania Legislature. A son of the late Matthias and Apoline Detzel, he was born, January 24, 1859, in Erie county, on the home farm in Mill Creek township.

Matthias Detzel was born, July 25, 1834, in Bavaria, which was likewise the birthplace of his wife. Emigrating to the United States in 1857, he came direct to Erie county, locating as a farmer in Mill Creek township. Retiring from agricultural pursuits, he located in Erie, and in 1865 opened a grocery on State street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Successful as a merchant, he gradually enlarged his operations, and in 1876, built, on Parade street, the first grocery in the east part of the city, and continued as a retail grocer until becoming interested in the restaurant business. Previous to that time, however, he engaged in contracting, in 1873 and 1874 receiving the contract for paving Sixth street from French to Parade street, and that part of Parade street lying between Sixth and Eighteenth streets. He also laid, in 1869, the Parade street sewer. In 1867 he was chosen supervisor of streets, and had the distinction of being appointed the first city superintendent of streets. A valued member of the Democratic party, he served one term as alderman. Religiously he belonged to the Roman Catholic church.

Brought up in Erie, Frank J. Detzel was educated in the parochial and public schools, and as a boy was well trained to habits of industry and thrift. Succeeding his father in the grocery business in 1881, he has been exceedingly prosperous, enlarging and increasing his operations from year to year. Outgrowing the building which he at first occupied, he erected, in 1902, at the corner of Parade and Thirteenth streets, one of the finest brick business houses in the city, and is here carrying on a substantial retail grocery business, the equal of any house in the place, not even excepting those on State street.

For many years Mr. Detzel has been very active and prominent in public affairs, and is to-day one of the leaders of the Democratic party, both in Erie city and Erie county. For one term he was school director; he has been a delegate to the Democratic conventions held in Harrison; has served on the city and county committees; in 1906 was elected to the State Legislature; and in 1908 attended the Democratic National Convention which met in Denver. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Public Library.

Mr. Detzel married, June 30, 1881, Ida R., daughter of Jacob and Caroline Heidt, natives of Bavaria, Germany. Seven children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Detzel, namely: Bertie L., Edward M., Olivia, Florence, Louise, Marie and Ida. Religiously Mr. Detzel and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

John Bryce, V. S., proprietor of a large livery establishment at the corner of Fifth and French streets, Erie, Pennsylvania, is a native of Canada, born at Mount Pleasant, Brant county, Ontario. His parents, George and Margaret C. Bryce, emigrated to Canada, in 1843, from their native town of Doune, Scotland, and became well-known and highly respected pioneers, while their sons attained prominence in their various walks of life. The eldest son, Rev. George Bryce, LL. D., was a pioneer in the then newly created province of Manitoba. In 1871, he was commissioned by the Presbyterian church of Canada to establish a college near Fort Garry, on the Red River of the North, as a center of learning

for the Presbyterian youth of the colony, and in time he saw his work grow into the Manitoba College, which to-day is the most prominent of the several colleges comprising the University of Manitoba. Also, for years, he was in the employ of the government in the work of organizing the public school system of that province. Robert H. Bryce, third son of George Bryce, is a prominent and influential merchant of Manitoba. The fourth son, Peter H. Bryce, M. A., M. D., a graduate of Toronto University and other colleges, held several positions of honor in Canada, among which was that of chief executive health officer of Toronto, under the provincial government, which position he filled for a long term of years. Alexander Bryce, of Toronto, the youngest son in this family, also made a name for himself in his calling, he having been one of the first to enter into the supplying of dairy products to the city of Toronto, in a thoroughly scientific manner, in which business he was very successful. The only surviving daughter of the family is the wife of Dr. Marquis, of Brantford, Ontario.

John Bryce was the second son. After completing his studies in the academy of his native village, he went to work in his father's shops, where he laid the foundation of that accurate knowledge of horses, which was extended by a full course of study at the famous Ontario Veterinary College of Toronto, founded by the Edinburg professor, Dr. Andrew Smith. After practicing his profession for a year or two in the city of Brantford, near his native place, he came to Erie. That was in 1872. Here he entered upon the practice of his profession, meeting with success from the first, and for years has maintained an acknowledged position at the head of veterinary ranks in Erie county. In connection with his practice, he has for years conducted a livery business. He started with a livery barn on French street, between Fourth and Fifth, and in 1887 purchased the site of his present establishment at Fifth and French streets, upon which he erected a commodious brick structure. In 1892 he bought of Elliott Bros. their stock and business at 130 West Twelfth street, and established the People's Hack and Livery Co. He made still another addition to his business, in 1894, when he purchased the livery stock at the old Knoll stables, at 20 West 18th street. The two latter stables, however, he afterward disposed of. For a number of years Dr. Bryce was a member of the Executive Committee of the Erie County Agricultural Society, and as such was a potent factor in advancing the work of that society. Also the Doctor has been influential in Erie and Erie county in developing a taste for high class carriage horses, having brought here and sold many fine animals.

Dr. Bryce married in June, 1877, Miss Belle Forbes, elder daughter of the late Robert and Agnes (Gourley) Liddell, and granddaughter of James Liddell. The Gourley and the Liddell families came to Erie county about 1830. They became pioneers in the iron business at Erie, and the originators of what is now the Erie City Iron Works, the largest and most important industrial plant in Erie today. Dr. and Mrs. Bryce are the parents of three children: George Liddell, Roland Forbes and Marion.

Dr. Bryce is a member of all the Erie Masonic bodies and also of the board of trade and the chamber of commerce. He is secretary of the Veterinary Medical Association of Erie county, a branch of the state organization. His city home is at 821 Chestnut street but in the summer he finds pleasure, if not profit in looking after his farm situated

in a picturesque location on the Kuhl road, in Greene township at the Harbor creek line.

William B. Flickinger. A well known national figure in the field of insurance, William B. Flickinger, of Erie, is one of the strongest and most popular men in his line in the east, being an active member of the firm of Downing and Flickinger and manager of the department of accounts in the general agency of the Insurance Company of North America, at Erie, of which Mr. Downing is head. With all his successes in his chosen business, Mr. Flickinger has attained wide and beneficial influence in the public affairs of his city, county and state; has been a leader in numerous movements of a humane and charitable nature; is a Mason of high rank and a man of broad sympathies and liberal mind. Mr. Flickinger has given the best of his energies, his executive abilities and his strength of thought and feelings to the development and higher progress of Erie. He is a native of the city, born on the 20th of April, 1859, son of the late George and Anna (Major) Flickinger, both natives of Hert, Rheinpfalz, Germany. The family located at Erie in 1852, and the father was there engaged in the manufacture of brick for many years. He died on the 16th of April, 1887, his wife having preceded him August 25, 1885.

Mr. Flickinger, of this sketch, began his insurance career on the 1st of April, 1882, when he accepted a position with the local firm of W. B. Warner and Company, and on January 1, 1884, entered the employ of the agency conducted as Downing and Crowell. The junior member withdrawing in the following year, a new firm was organized under the style of Downing and Flickinger, and from that time to the present the latter has been one of the most progressive insurance men in Pennsylvania. On December 1, 1906, he accepted service with the governing committee of the "Union" at Chicago, as manager of the department of publicity. He resigned that position July 1, 1907, to return to Erie and become manager of the department of accounts in the office of J. F. Downing, general agent of the western departments of the Insurance Company of North America and Philadelphia Underwriters. Besides an active leader in the local insurance field, Mr. Flickinger has served as president of the State Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents for three terms and an active member of the executive, legislative and grievance committees of the National Association, having been honored with the chairmanship of the last named committee for two years.

Mr. Flickinger has served with ability and honor in the city, county and state governments, having represented the Fifth ward of Erie in the common branch of the council, been auditor of the county and spent the legislative sessions of 1889 and 1891 as a member of the Pennsylvania house of representatives. His record as a fraternalist shows that he is a past master of Perry Lodge, No. 392 (A. F. & A. M.), past thrice illustrious master of Jerusalem Council, No. 33, and past grand master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania; also past exalted ruler of Erie lodge of Elks and past district deputy of the order. He is identified with the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, and with the Erie, Country and Shrine clubs, and since the organization of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Humane Society has been perhaps its most vital and persistent working force. Shortly after it was founded he became its secretary and so continued until 1906, since that year having served as its president. In his religious belief he is a liberal Unitarian. Mr.

Flickinger's wife was Miss Katherine M. Kraft, daughter of J. P. Kraft, of Erie, and six children have been born of his marriage—Florence L., Walter E., Harrison W., Dale W., Carlton P. and Lucile G. Flickinger.

Rev. Bernard Kloecker. As pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Erie, Rev. Bernard Kloecker is the spiritual adviser of a large congregation, who have implicit confidence in his knowledge, honesty and integrity, and often seek his wisdom in counsel, and hesitate not to follow his advice. A native of Germany, he was born February 17, 1852, in Weseke, Westphalia, where he obtained his first knowledge of books. In 1873 he was graduated from the Gymnasium in Munster, Westphalia, after which he entered the American College of St. Mauritz, at Munster, and subsequently, in the same city, took a course in philosophy and theology at the Royal Prussian Academy, preparing himself for the ministry.

On May 26, 1877, Father Kloecker was ordained a priest at Osnabruck, Hanover. A few months later, he came to the United States, arriving in New York City November 2, 1877. His first appointment was that of assistant to Rev. M. A. De La Roque, of Warren, Pennsylvania. The following year he was made rector of the Catholic church at Kane, Pennsylvania, where he also had charge of the Catholics in neighboring places in McKean, Elk and Forest counties. While in Kane, he labored assiduously, in 1879 establishing a parochial school, in 1880 building a parsonage, and in various other ways advancing the material and spiritual welfare of his parish.

On August 4, 1887, Father Kloecker came to Erie to assist Rev. J. A. Oberhofer, Rector of St. Joseph's Church, whose health was then in a precarious condition. The Reverend Father died January 16, 1889, and two days later Rev. Father Kloecker was appointed his successor. During the score of years that have since elapsed, his labors have been successful and fruitful of good, and in witnessing the happiness and prosperity of his people he is each day reaping his reward as a just and conscientious keeper of his little flock.

Rev. Seweryn Erazm Lutomsko-Niedbaski. Among those who are rendering devoted service in the priesthood of the Catholic church in Erie county is Father Niedbaski, whose important charge is that of Holy Trinity parish. With all zeal and consecration has he labored for the temporal and spiritual welfare of his flock, and his popularity in the community is not one of merely ecclesiastical order but is based upon his generous attributes of character, so that he has the high esteem of all who know him.

Father Seweryn Erazm Lutomsko-Niedbaski is a native of Prussian Poland, where he was born in December, 1868, a scion of one of the old and honored families of his native land. He was afforded the advantages of the historic University of Breslau and in 1893 he came to the United States, where he completed his ecclesiastical education in the Polish Seminary in the city of Detroit, Michigan. He was ordained to the priesthood of the noble old mother church, at Victoria, Texas, in 1898, and his was the distinction of having been pastor of the Polish parish at Panna Maria, Karnes county, that state, the oldest Polish parish in the United States. This important incumbency he retained for a period of five years, at the expiration of which he came to Erie, where, on the 14th of October, 1904, he assumed the pastoral

charge of Holy Trinity parish. His labors here have been prolific in the upbuilding of the parish, and his influence has permeated all departments of the church work, where he has exercised the beneficent functions of his calling with all of consecration and devotion. He shows a loyal interest in all that makes for the well being of the community, and his earnest labors have gained for him the affectionate regard of those to whom he ministers.

William Braham Washabaugh, M. D. The medical fraternity of Erie has enrolled among its coterie of physicians and surgeons many able and efficient practitioners whose attainments and skill in the various departments of that profession give the brotherhood as high a rank here as in any city in the country. The demands made upon the medical practitioners in this day are strenuous, considering that this is an age for advancement, particularly along all lines of materia medica and surgery and that one is required to apply himself diligently and study in order to keep abreast of the times in the ever accumulating knowledge of the art and the ever recurring discoveries pertaining thereto. Worthy of mention among the younger men, who are devoting their lives to this most of all humanitarian vocations and who possess the qualifications necessary to a successful career, is Dr. William Braham Washabaugh. During the comparatively brief period he has been active in the profession his application to his duties and the interest he has manifested in rendering medical services, have won him respect and established his reputation for integrity and efficiency. The doctor inherits his professional instincts and qualifications, his father being a prominent physician. He is a son of Dr. D. J. and Sarah J. (Braham) Washabaugh. The father, a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, graduated from the Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Grove City, this state. The Keystone state is also the birthplace of his son, Dr. William B. Washabaugh, his nativity occurring at Anandale, Butler county, November 18, 1878.

The Grove City high school afforded Dr. Washabaugh his elementary education privileges and after he had successfully mastered the branches of study taught there, at the age of seventeen years he was matriculated in Grove City College, where he pursued a classical course and was graduated in 1900. Being then prepared to enter upon the studies immediately pertaining to his chosen profession, in that year he became a student at Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. By taking special work the doctor was able to complete the course of study in less time than usually required and he was graduated with his degree in medicine in June, 1903. The same year he passed the state board examination at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and, at once returning to this city, was appointed assistant surgeon of the Pennsylvania Soldiers & Sailors Home. Faithfully performing the duties that devolved upon him in this position until July 1, 1905, he resigned, and the following October opened an office at No. 920 East Twenty-first street. There he pursued exclusively a general private practice until Dr. Chapin, chief surgeon of the Pennsylvania Soldiers & Sailors Home, resigned October 1, 1906, when he assumed the work in his stead, and accepted the appointment as surgeon of the Home in December of the same year, serving until March 1, 1909, when he resigned. However, Dr. Washabaugh, still carries on a general practice.

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The doctor's home life is happy in his marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Mahon, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of George C. Mahon. The couple have three children: William, Elizabeth, and David. Dr. Washabaugh's political views find expression in the principles of the Republican party, while religiously he is an adherent of the Wayne Street Methodist church. Profoundly interested in his profession he seeks affiliation with related movements and organizations, among which is the Erie County Medical Society, of which he is treasurer. The doctor has shown himself to be a sincere and earnest worker in his strivings to benefit humanity within the scope of medical knowledge and surgical skill and is justly entitled to the reputation he sustains as a practitioner.

GEORGE TRUSCOTT BLISS. Our restless, vigorous, forceful nation is the native home of men of brawn and brain whose influence has impressed itself along the winding channels of thought, progress and accomplishment. Conspicuous among this number is George Truscott Bliss, a prominent citizen and manufacturer of Erie, now serving as secretary of the Erie City Iron Works. He is essentially and broadly American, and his lineage is one that is traced back to early colonial times, the founder of the Bliss family having settled in New England about 1630. Among his Bliss ancestors, and likewise among the Ellicott family, from which he is descended, were heroes of the Revolution and men of prominence in the management of public affairs; thus it may be seen that he comes of an ancestry in which the qualities of patriotism and loyalty to country were predominating characteristics, attributes which are his birthright, and have doubtless influenced him in his personal career. A son of the late John H. and Ellen (Christie) Bliss, he was born, May 21, 1864, in the city of Erie, of English stock.

John Bliss, grandfather of George T., was a son of Joseph Bliss, who served as captain of a company of artillery in the regular Continental Army of the United Colonies during their struggle for independence. He, himself, entered the regular army of the United States in the War of 1812, being first commissioned lieutenant, and afterwards being promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was a brave soldier, ever in the thickest of the fight, and at the Battle of Lundy's Lane was severely wounded. He died, December 22, 1854, in St. Augustine, Florida. John Bliss married Letitia Ellicott, whose emigrant ancestor emigrated from England to the United States about 1730, settling in Maryland. Her father, Major Andrew Ellicott, great-grandfather of George T. Bliss, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1754. Patriotic and public-spirited, he devoted the greater part of his life to the service of his country, and, although a member of the Society of Friends, commanded a battalion of Maryland militia in the Revolutionary war. In 1784 he was employed by the state of Virginia in fixing the boundary line between that state and Pennsylvania. Two years later he was commissioned by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania to run the northern boundary of this state. In 1788 he was directed to make a survey of the islands in the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, within the state of Pennsylvania, a work that took him a year. He was then commissioned by the United States government to locate the western boundary of the state of New York, and ascertain the validity of that state to the territory which is now the northern portion of Erie county, and after much labor and many hardships succeeded

in locating the present boundary line. The next important service rendered to the country by Major Ellicott was that of surveying the District of Columbia and the City of Washington, a work that he began in 1790. In 1796, the government was again in need of one in whom it could place implicit confidence, and General Washington, seemingly ever conscious of the Major's sterling qualities, appointed him commissioner to fix the boundary between the United States and the Spanish-American possessions. Several years later during the very first months of Jefferson's administration, that president tendered to Major Ellicott the surveyor generalship of the United States, a position that he accepted subject to conditions of his own dictation. On September 1, 1813, the major was appointed professor of mathematics in the West Point Military Academy. Moving there with his family, he subsequently resided in that place until his death, August 20, 1820. He left a widow and nine children, one of them being Letitia, wife of John Bliss.

John H. Bliss was born in Fort Howard, Wisconsin, October 4, 1823, and was the first white male child born in the Northwest Territory, and was the only child of the parental household to reach years of maturity. He fitted himself for the profession of a civil engineer in the Cincinnati College, and for two years thereafter was employed in the survey of the Erie extension of the Pennsylvania Canal. He subsequently studied law at Little Falls, New York, and in Buffalo, attended lectures at Harvard College, and on January 15, at Troy, New York, was admitted to the bar. Afterwards returning to Buffalo, he gave up the practice of his profession, and remained a resident of that city for a time. Locating in Erie in 1855, he soon formed a partnership with Mr. George Selden, and established a felloe factory, which they operated for three years, when they also began the manufacture of oil barrels, then in great demand, continuing until 1864. In that year, in company with Mr. W. J. F. Liddell, under the firm name of Liddell, Seldon & Bliss, another change of importance was made. This firm purchased the Erie City Iron Works, of which Mr. John H. Bliss was the president for a number of years. A detailed account of his connection with this important industry may be found elsewhere in this volume, in the history given of these Iron Works.

John H. Bliss was twice married. He married first, in 1848, Mary Lovering. He married second, October 1, 1850, Ellen, daughter of Dr. Peter Christie, surgeon in the United States Navy. She died in 1893, in Philadelphia. After his active retirement from business, Mr. Bliss, removed, in 1901, to the Hawaiian Islands, and resided in Honolulu until his death, October 16, 1907. Of his union with his second wife, four children were born, namely: Anna, who married Rev. S. D. McConnell, of the Episcopal church of Philadelphia; Horace John, died at the age of eighteen years; Louise B., widow of the late Wallace Dewitt, of Harrisburg; and George T., of this biographical sketch.

Obtaining the rudiments of his education in the private schools of Erie, George T. Bliss went with his parents to Charlotte, North Carolina, just as he was entering his teens, and there for a year and a half attended the Carolina Military Institute. Returning to Erie, he continued his studies in the Erie Academy, afterwards attending a private school three years. In 1879 he entered De Vaux College, and at the end of a year went to Gambier, Ohio, where he was for two years a student in Harcourt Academy, a boys' boarding school. Going then to Troy, New York, he completed his studies at the Polytechnic Institute of that

city. In 1883, desirous of learning the trade of a machinist, Mr. Bliss entered the machine shop of the Erie City Iron Works. Although he had the exceptional advantage of being an employe in the establishment of which his father was at the head, he performed with alacrity and fidelity all of the duties of his place, working for four consecutive years ten hours a day, and in almost every position in the shop, becoming familiar with the work in each department, and at all times studying closely steam engine construction. His value and worth being recognized by the firm, Mr. Bliss was made assistant superintendent of the plant in 1893, and upon its incorporation as the Erie City Iron Works, in 1894, he was elected secretary, a position which he has since most ably and satisfactorily filled. A lover of aquatic sports, Mr. Bliss is specially interested in boating, being a skilful yachtsman, and during his vacations finds his greatest enjoyment and recreation in cruising on the lakes. He was the moving spirit in the organizing of the Erie Yacht Club, in 1894, and was made its first commodore.

On January 16, 1894, Mr. Bliss married Grace, daughter of I. A. Forman, of Erie. Two children have been born to them: Meriam and John H. Mr. Bliss is a man of broad and practical sympathies, ever active in advancing the welfare of his native city, and is held in high esteem throughout the community. Both he and his wife are members of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Dr. John J. Bell is a physician and surgeon of the Bay city. His education fitting him for the profession, is as wide as could be desired and in every particular he is eminently qualified to sustain the splendid reputation, which is already his, and to further extend his usefulness in the alleviation of human suffering and attain to still greater eminence as a benefactor of mankind. His birth occurred in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, on August 19, 1868, and he descends from an ancestry, the members of which took part in many of the wars in which this country has been involved, his family being numbered among the pioneers of the Keystone state, who settled there prior to the war for American independence. His great-grandfather, Captain Arthur Bell, was born in Paxton, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1752, and was a distinguished soldier in the Revolutionary war, wherein he was raised to the military rank prefacing his name. With his family he removed to western New York in 1802, locating upon the land upon which the town of Westfield now stands. His wife was Elenor Montgomery and death terminated his activities on August 6, 1834. William Bell Sr., the grandfather of Dr. Bell, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Northumberland county, March 14, 1791, and he, too, removed with the family to Westfield, New York, in 1802, in which locality he followed general farming pursuits in connection with running a grist mill and also a general merchandise establishment. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, having during that conflict, for his bravery and courage, been raised to the rank of colonel. His death occurred August 23, 1872, while his wife, who was Nancy Shipboy, entered into rest January 13, 1842. Among his children was Alexander M. Bell, who wedded Rachel Wallace, these being the parents of Dr. John J. Bell. Mrs. Bell was a native of Scotland, born in 1845, who, when a girl of fifteen years of age, came to America to join her brothers, Mathew and Benjamin Wallace, at Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York.

It was in that county that the elder Mr. Bell was born in 1835 and early in life he became apprenticed to a millwright, with whom he learned his trade and for a number of years plied his craft as a journeyman. Although he was a very successful mechanic he gradually withdrew his liking for the occupation and for the past forty years has been engaged in farming in Harbor Creek township, where he now resides on a farm containing one hundred and ninety acres, upon which he carries on a lucrative vineyard business. To Alexander Bell and his wife were born the following children: Clayton A., an agriculturist of Harbor Creek township, who is united in marriage with Ruby Hinton, a granddaughter of Captain Hinton, a pioneer of Erie county; William A., who resides in Erie but who operates the old Bell farm in Harbor Creek township, his wife being Belle Stirks, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Stirks; Dr. John J. Bell; and George B., who resides on the Pennsylvania state line and is engaged in railroading.

On his father's farm Dr. Bell was reared, nothing unusual having occurred during his boyhood days to break the general run of experiences common to the country lad, his time during the summer months having been taken up by general agricultural duties while during the winter periods he availed himself of the educational advantages of the district schools. Later, however, he pursued a course of study at Erie Academy, and then became a student in the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Edinboro, this county, from which he was graduated in 1893. While yet a junior in this school he taught for one year in the Harbor Creek schools. Following his course of training in this institution, he taught for two years in the schools of Wattsburg, this county, and for one year at Waterford, this county. All the while Mr. Bell had a definite object in view and that was to pursue a professional career and, upon relinquishing his duties as a preceptor, in 1897 he entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons, at Baltimore, Maryland, from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1901. Following his graduation he at once entered upon the practice of medicine at Wattsburg, later returning to Baltimore, Maryland, where he spent one year, part of which he devoted to study at Johns Hopkins University and the remainder of the year he was chief resident surgeon of the Baltimore City Hospital. The latter experience considerably augmented his knowledge, both along the lines of materia medica and particularly that appertaining to the several departments of surgery, and when in 1905, he located in this city as a resident physician, he was in every particular highly qualified to successfully pursue his profession. Since taking up his residence here he has become widely known, both as a scholar and in the application of his knowledge and experience and has won that measure of success which has gained him an excellent patronage. In addition to carrying on his private practice, his professional services also reach other fields for he is a physician and surgeon of the Lake Shore Railroad, and the Erie, Edinboro & Cambridge Springs Interurban Railroad. His services are also elicited as a member of the staff of surgeons of St. Vincent's Hospital and he is moreover the physician for the poor directors at East Erie.

Dr. Bell has been twice united in marriage. His first wife was Mary G. Stinson, a daughter of Joseph Stinson, a prominent citizen of Harborcreek and she entered into rest in September, 1904, leaving her husband and two daughters, namely: Elenor and May S., the latter having passed away in February, 1907. The doctor's second marriage

was with Miss Alice V. Austin, of Wattsburg, this county, a daughter of Alford H. Austin, and the couple have since been residing in an elegant residence equipped with every convenience with which to make domestic life happy. That the doctor keeps abreast of the times in all departments of knowledge and science pertaining to his profession is evident from the fact that he holds membership in the Erie County Medical Society, the Northwestern Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and also the American Medical Association. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, in which order he belongs to the blue lodge and also to the chapter. The Odd Fellows, too, claim his membership and he belongs to the subordinate lodge and also to the encampment and Maccabees.

Henry Neubauer. Retired from the wearing activities of life these twenty years, Henry Neubauer, of Erie, one of its most venerable citizens cannot but enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that he is recognized by several generations of its men and women as one of the founders of its business interests and a strong promoter of its standing as a city. The reputation of a city is gauged by a variety of standards and certainly one of these tests is the ability which it possesses as a contributor to the comforts of the public and an entertainer of strangers and guests. In fact, the typical commercial traveler would go to the length of asserting that a city is "known by the hotels it keeps." Now, both Henry Neubauer and his son, Frank (who is now the active member of the old firm of Neubauer and Son) have very largely contributed to Erie's standing both as a commercial city and a municipal host and, undoubtedly, are public benefactors.

The elder man is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, born on the 22nd of April, 1825, son of John and Catherine (Weaver) Neubauer, also a native of that duchy. The family emigrated to the United States in the early part of the fifties, but after spending a few months in the city of Erie its home was transferred to Greene township, wherein the father engaged in farming until his death November 11, 1892. His wife had passed away on the preceding 17th of June. The son Henry had been reared to manhood in the fatherland as a farmer and a shoemaker, and upon locating in Erie opened a shoe shop on the public docks, where he both manufactured boots and shoes and conducted a retail trade, employing quite a number of workmen. In 1857 he located near the corner of French and Sixth streets, where he continued in the shoe business for a number of years, then establishing a grocery at the same stand. This he so successfully conducted for eighteen years that in 1870 he erected the elegant Arcade block, on State near Eighth street, adjoining the Savings and Trust Bank, where he continued the grocery business until 1878. In that year he remodeled the block, adding largely to its conveniences and attractiveness, making it one of the finest business structures in the city and opening, as its main feature, the Arcade Hotel. In 1883 his son Frank, who had been his main assistant in his later business successes, became his formal partner under the firm name of Neubauer and Son, and in 1889, upon the retirement of the senior from active work, assumed the immediate management of all the Neubauer interests. On April 22, 1851, Henry Neubauer wedded Elizabeth K., daughter of Michael Lederer, of Erie, and of the eight children born to their marriage four are living.

Frank Neubauer, previously mentioned, is a native of Erie, born on the 26th of August, 1857. He obtained his education in its city schools, and in his early youth became a clerk in his father's business, assisting ably in the development of his various enterprises until he became a partner of the firm Neubauer and Company, formed in 1883. As stated, he became sole proprietor of the large business upon the retirement of the senior partner in 1889. From year to year its scope has been extended and its facilities improved until the "Arcade" is now the leading house of its line in Erie, and in every respect compares favorably with establishments of the same kind found in the larger cities. And, while developing this business to its present modern standing, Mr. Neubauer has also established a high reputation as a citizen of breadth, enterprise and popularity. He is an active member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade; is identified, fraternally, with the Elks and the Masons, having reached the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite in the latter fraternity, and being a member of Keystone Lodge No. 455. Mr. Neubauer's wife, to whom he was married June 1, 1880, was Mary Moran, daughter of John Moran, of Erie.

A. P. Durlin. The annals of Erie would be radically incomplete without mention of A. P. Durlin, deceased, whose life has been closely interwoven with the early history of the city upon which his individuality has been indelibly stamped. A newspaper man of exceptional ability, he exerted a wide influence as a publisher and for many years engaged in the job printing business, being a printer of the old school whose generation is now an item of recollection. Not only in the art of printing and as a newspaper man and publisher did he attain a high place in the life of the city but also for the part he took in municipal affairs. He was the first water commissioner of Erie, was chief of the fire department in the days of hand-pumps and also served as a member of the city council, in which honorable capacity he displayed uncommon administrative ability and was instrumental in devising means and promoting measures to which the present prosperous municipality is largely indebted.

Born in Fredonia, Chautauqua county, New York, August 30, 1819, Mr. Durlin was a son of David and Ann Durlin. In boyhood he left his native state and came to Erie where he learned the printing trade. Having served his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman for a time when he returned to New York and secured employment in newspaper offices. In 1840, coming back to this city, he accepted a position as printer, on Oliver Spafford's Spelling Book, his next engagement being with the newspaper, *Observer*. Thus far his career had been one of exceptional merit and steady progress so that in May, 1843, three years after his return to Erie, in association with B. F. Sloan, he purchased and published the *Observer,* of which he continued proprietor until January 20, 1856. In the spring of that year he took up his abode in Lyons, Iowa, where he published the *Lyons Advocate,* continuing it successfully until 1861, when he gave it up and went to Fredonia, New York. While in Lyons his popularity became widespread and he officiated for a term as postmaster. Upon arriving in the Empire state Mr. Durlin, in association with his brother-in-law, W. McKinstry, engaged in the manufacture of paper at Laona, two miles from Fredonia. His connection with this enterprise terminated after four years and, going westward, he again located in Lyons, Iowa,

where he revived the *Advocate* which he published until 1873. In that year he sold the paper and came to this city. Here in 1876 he established a job printing business and continued it until his death.

Mr. Durlin was familiar with the newspaper business in every detail and in the conduct of his job office became popular for his excellent workmanship, while as a business man of keen discernment, employing in the conduct of his affairs only such methods as were in accord with a high standard of commercial ethics, he contributed much to the industrial worth of the city and was a leading factor in the promotion of measures to enhance the city's interests and make it attractive as a trade center. Highly public-spirited he was enthusiastic, especially during his early life, in his participation in municipal affairs. He was a member of the city council at the period of the memorable "railroad war" in 1853 and played a leading part in the contest. In the days of the bucket brigade and hand-pumps he was a member of the fire department and served as the first water commissioner of the city. The full round of the city's life benefited by his activities and in the days when the Wayne Grays were the pride of Erie he was a member of that organization. Being a musician of considerable talent he belonged to the Erie band and was a member of that musical circle when every constituent, except himself, met death at the burning of the steamer, Erie, off Barcelona, he escaping the fate of the others by mere accident. Mr. Durlin was to have accompanied his comrades on the excursion and was at the wharf while the excursionists were going abroad. He left the wharf to escort a young lady home, expecting to get back in time to join the party, but upon reaching the wharf the boat had sailed and thus he was saved from the calamity which befell the boat a few hours later.

As to his personal characteristics Mr. Durlin possessed all the qualities of a progressive and loyal citizen and, throughout his entire career, enjoyed the profound respect of all who knew him. He was decided in his convictions on all questions including politics and religion and had the courage to maintain and defend the principles for which he stood. Although he was outspoken yet he never engendered dislike for all knew that what he said came from the heart, being the expression of what he believed to be right and, consequently, those who disagreed with him were never his enemies. As a man of strict integrity, whose conduct was in obedience to a high standard of morals, he was known throughout the city while his honesty was proverbial. No citizen commanded higher esteem or more implicit confidence. His noble traits of character exalted him in favor of his fellowmen and enhanced his power in public matters. He exerted a telling influence in public affairs and, having the reputation of being invariably in the right, his counsel and advice were constantly sought in the consideration of momentous questions. Amid the cares of a busy life he never lost sight of the needs of his higher nature and was faithful in the performance of his religious duties and molded his actions in harmony with his faith. For many years he was a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal church but later in life he became a member of St. Albans parish. In his death, which occurred April 30, 1897, Erie lost one of her most progressive citizens, whose noble and useful life bequeathed to her a valuable legacy in deeds which will long preserve his memory.

On the 22d of November, 1843, Mr. Durlin was united in marriage in this city to Miss Sarah Burton, the daughter of David and Eliza-

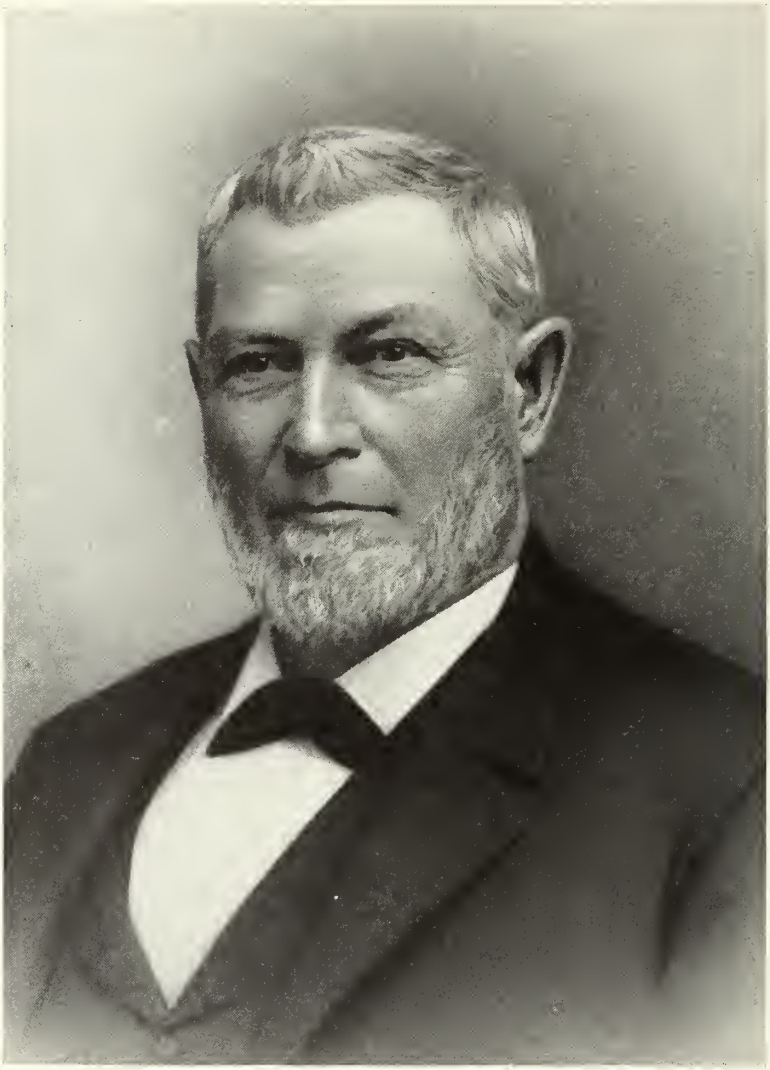
beth Burton, old residents of Erie. Mrs. Durlin entered into rest in 1902 when in her seventieth year. She was the mother of five children, but one of whom survives, namely: Willis B.

Willis B. Durlin was born in the Fourth ward, of this city, April 13, 1855, and when a babe of one year was taken by his parents to Lyons, Iowa. There he received his educational privileges in the public schools and then learned the printing trade under the supervision of his father. In 1873 he returned with his parents to this city where he engaged in the coal business with his uncle, A. P. Burton, until 1876, when he joined his father in founding a job printing establishment. For four years, or until 1880, he remained in that connection and then accepted a position with the Stearns Manufacturing Company, with which he continued for thirteen years. In 1893 he became associated with the Union Iron Works and in 1898 assumed his present position with A. Booth & Company, fish dealers, one of the largest and most important commercial enterprises in the city. Mr. Durlin is an aggressive business man and, inheriting the characteristics of his father, is a leading factor in the industrial and municipal life of Erie, being quite influential in the politics of the city, and was appointed a member of the board of water commissioners in 1901, the duties of which important office he has since continued to fill. In every particular Mr. Durlin displays that wisdom and control which enable him to transact whatever business is placed within his hands with the utmost precision and in every respect he is a representative type of the business man of the city.

He was united in marriage in 1881 to Miss Harriet Gibson, a native of Buffalo, New York, and to this union have been born the following children: Maude M., Willis F. and Gretchen. Mr. Durlin is interested in everything which is designed for the advancement of the city and to this end is a member of the Board of Trade. In every undertaking to which he has applied himself he has met with success and his excellent business judgment together with his executive capacities entitles him to honorable mention as one of Erie's representative citizens.

Henry J. Conrath, the well known superintendent of the Henry Shenk Company, building contractors and manufacturers, is a native son of the city of Erie, born in its Second ward on the 5th of February, 1865. His father, the late Herman J. Conrath, came to Erie from Germany in 1836, and he had lived in this city during the remainder of his life, dying in May of 1905, when seventy-two years of age. He had married Catherine Schnurr, who also claims Erie as the place of her nativity, and she is a daughter of one of the city's earliest pioneer residents. Their marriage was the first to be solemnized in the present St. Mary's Catholic church, the ceremony being performed before the interior of the building had been completed, and the wife is still living, being now in her seventy-fifth year.

Henry J. Conrath received his educational training in St. Mary's parochial school, and as a boy his first employment was as a clerk in the "Ninety-nine" cent store owned by the late William Bell, and the youth spent three years in that establishment. After a year spent in the railroad shops he entered upon an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade under Daniel McDonald, his apprenticeship covering five years,



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and following that period he spent one year with the Bouscher Company. Then in 1885 he entered the employ of the Henry Shenk Company, beginning as a journeyman carpenter, and his first promotion was to the foremanship of the mill, and after five years in that position he in 1901 was made the general superintendent of what is known as the Erie district and has charge of all the outside work of the company in this city and nearby territory. His connection with this company represents the long period of twenty-four years, years of efficient and faithful service.

Mr. Conrath married Miss Magdalena Hart, who was born in Erie, a daughter of George and Catherine (Zimmer) Hart, and their children are: Clarence F. and Joseph G. The family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church.

Henry C. Dunn was born on a farm in Mill Creek township on the Edinborough plank road just south of the city limits, April 2, 1834, and was the son of John and Eliza (Reed) Dunn. The father was the son of Simeon Dunn, a pioneer resident of Erie and a native of New Jersey. Simeon Dunn was born at New Brunswick, April 13, 1782, son of Justice Dunn, Sr. The Dunn family removed to Pennsylvania in 1797, and located in Crawford county, where Simeon Dunn was married in 1802 to Martha Lewis. In 1807 he removed to Erie. He was a private in the Erie Light Infantry, the first military organization in Erie county; this company was for five months stationed in Buffalo during the War of 1812, and he frequently served as express rider to carry messages to Commodore Perry. He was a successful business man, accumulated considerable property, and built some of the first brick houses in Erie.

John Dunn, father of Henry C., was born July 25, 1807, in Erie county, near the Crawford county line, and died August 13, 1891. As a boy, he saw the British fleet when in the lake near Erie. He married Eliza, daughter of George Reed. The Reed family came to Erie at an early date from Oswego, New York. In 1861 Mr. Dunn removed to North Girard, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Henry C. Dunn spent his boyhood and received his education in the common schools of Mill Creek township. He then entered the employ of the American Express Company as clerk in the local office, and held this position a number of years, resigning to take the position of ticket agent for the Lake Shore Railroad at Erie. Later Mr. Dunn engaged in the manufacture of brick, his first plant being located on Walnut Creek, but later he located the plant near the old light-house east of the city, where he continued to carry on a successful business for a number of years. He established a new plant just east of the city limits, on Twelfth street, where he made brick from shale. As his success enabled him to do so, he became interested in other lines of enterprise, and became one of the leading business men of the community. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also a member of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce. He died April 28, 1908.

Mr. Dunn married Anna Henderson, born in Erie September 6, 1835, and who died March 17, 1900. To them was born one daughter, Jessie. Mrs. Dunn was the daughter of Joseph and Jane (Sweeney) Henderson, pioneers of Erie. Joseph Henderson was born near Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1798, and with his parents came to Erie county about 1800. The family later returned to Allegheny county, where

Joseph learned the trade of carpenter. Returning to Erie county, he was married there in 1821. For many years he was the leading contractor and builder of Erie, among the buildings erected by him being the court house, shortly after the destruction of the old building in 1823, by fire. He also had charge of the United States public works at the docks in Erie, Cleveland, and other lake ports. In 1842 and again in 1859 he was elected county commissioner. An up-to-date and enterprising business man, he contributed largely to the growth and development of the town.

Jacob Hammer is the present president of the common council of Erie, a well known citizen and a business man engaged in the merchant tailoring trade at 532 West Fourth street. He was born in the village of Neupfotz, Rhine province of Germany, on the 16th of November, 1864, a son of John George and Mary Eva (Heidt) Hammer. The father, both a farmer and a basket seller, died in the year of 1876, and his wife in 1869, both in their native land of Germany.

After a good educational training in the fatherland Jacob Hammer learned the tailoring trade and followed that line of work for two years before coming to the United States in 1881. On arriving in this country he came direct to Erie, where three of his uncles were then living, Peter, Franz Philip and John Adam Heidt, and he made his home first with his uncle Peter. Here he completed the learning of his trade and worked for different employers until opening his own tailoring establishment at his present location in 1891. In this city in 1906 he was elected to represent the Fourth ward in the common council, and re-elected to the office in 1908 he was then made the president of the board. In politics he supports Democratic principles.

Mr. Hammer married Annie Hampel, who was born in New York City, daughter of Julius Hampel. The Hampel family came to this country from Germany in 1865 and located first in the city of New York, but subsequently moved west to Ashtabula, Ohio, and from there came to Erie, where the father yet resides, but his wife is deceased. One son, Jacob G., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hammer. Mr. Hammer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Homesteaders, of the Business Men's Exchange, and of the Maennerchor.

Lynn E. Stancliff is the head of the L. E. Stancliff Carriage Works, the largest establishment of its kind in Erie county. He was born in Waterford township of this county May 29, 1866, and is a representative of one of the most prominent of the early pioneers of this community. Thomas Stancliff, his grandfather, came from Erie county, New York, bringing with him his wife, children and household effects in an ox wagon, and he was obliged to cut his way through the woods to his new home. In time he became one of the best known men of his neighborhood, which he served as a justice of the peace for many years, and he also did all of the surveying and deeding of land in that section in those early days. He lived an active and useful life, and is yet remembered and revered by many of the older residents of Erie county. While dismounting from his horse he ruptured an artery and bled to death, and was laid to rest in the cemetery which he had laid out at Sharp's Corners. He had married Polly Ann Peek, who was born in Erie county, New York, and she lived to the age of eighty-seven years.

Ellsworth Stancliff, their son, was born in Erie county, New York, March 24, 1827, and volunteering with his brother Joseph in the Civil war he served in Burnside's fleet under Commodore Forest. Returning to Waterford township after the close of the conflict he resumed his farming operations, and was also for eighteen years a member of the school board. He died on the 4th of August, 1897, while his wife died on the 27th of January, 1883. She bore the maiden name of Emeline Sherwood, and was born in Waterford township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Cyrus Sherwood, of New England ancestry. He was born in Vermont and became one of the early pioneers of Waterford township in Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he died in the year of 1880, at the age of about seventy-eight. He was one of thirteen children born to John Sherwood, and this John Sherwood was the grandfather of an even one hundred grandchildren at the time of his death. He had married a Miss Miller, and her brother served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Cyrus Sherwood married Harriet Attwater, whose paternal ancestors came from near Fredonia, New York. To Ellsworth and Emeline Stancliff were born the following children: Nettie, the widow of Arthur Marsh and a resident of Titusville, Pennsylvania; Cyrus, who died at the age of seven years during the Civil war; Thomas, who married Belle Taylor, from Waterford township, and they reside in New Mexico; Lynn E. and Linne E., twins, but the daughter died at the age of eighteen months; Hattie, the wife of Michael Howe, of Dunkirk, New York; and John Sherwood, who married Mary Blair and lives in Girard township.

Lynn E. Stancliff remained on the old home farm where he was reared until the year of 1886, receiving meanwhile a public school training, and then learning the blacksmith's trade in West Mill Creek under the instructions of J. M. Shenk he in 1890 entered the service of the late W. L. Scott and for nine years was foreman in charge of all blacksmithing, wagon work and plumbing, etc., on the Algeria farm, where he made his home. In the fall of 1898 he opened a country blacksmith shop on the corner of Twenty-sixth street and Brown's avenue, the site of his present large manufactory, and in the winter of 1906 he began enlarging his shop by the building of a paint and wood shop, while two years later, in 1908, he erected the present building for the L. E. Stancliff carriage works. This is a three story structure, forty by one hundred and twenty-five feet in dimensions, and they manufacture on a large scale carriages, wagons and sleighs, also having a blacksmithing and horse shoeing department, and do general repair work on vehicles of all kinds. The works furnish employment to fourteen skilled operatives, and as above stated this is the largest establishment of its kind in Erie county.

Mr. Stancliff married Clara E. Geist, who was born in Mill Creek township, Erie county, to Jacob and Mary Ann (Evans) Geist. Jacob Geist is the oldest citizen of Mill Creek township, having been born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on November 30, 1817, and he is a son of Andrew Geist, one of the earliest of the pioneers of Mill Creek township, whither he had moved from Lancaster county when his son Jacob was seventeen years of age. When he came to this county he bought one hundred acres of land, paying four dollars an acre, and this same land in 1907 was sold by his grandchildren at one thousand dollars an acre. Mary Ann, the wife of Jacob Geist, was born in Lancaster county in 1826, a daughter of another of the pioneers of Mill

Creek township, Erie county. She died in the year of 1869. The children of Jacob and Mary Ann Geist were: Mary Ann, who married Jacob Zaun and died in May of 1904; Thomas, who died in 1891; Matilda, who married Amos Northrup; Frank, who died in 1905; John, who has never married; Alvin, who married Flora Mason and lives in Girard; Edward, who married Addie Kreider; Seth, who married Cora Feisler; and Clara E., who became the wife of Mr. Stancliff. Two children, Harry E. and Ervin, both attending school, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stancliff. He has served as a member of the school board of Mill Creek township for six years, being for four years the chairman of the board, and he is a member of the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Exchange in Erie. His politics are Republican, and he is a member of both the fraternal order of Odd Fellows and of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church.

James McBrier, one of the honored sons of Pennsylvania, a man of progressive ideas, fine attainments and one who has made the most of his opportunities in life, has risen to a foremost place among the representatives of the industrial interests of northwestern Pennsylvania. The president of the Ball Engine Works, a former vice president of the Lake Carriers Association, a member of the board of directors of both the Erie Trust Company and the First National Bank and prominent in municipal affairs, such in part are the life and achievements of James McBrier.

He was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, a son of William and Mary (McMasters) McBrier. The father was a native of the north of Ireland, but coming to the United States when a young man he was for many years engaged in the lumber business in Allegheny City and at other points in Pennsylvania. The son James received his educational training and his start in business life in his native city. He became associated in business with his father when a young man, and after the latter's death he successfully carried on large interests. In 1872, while yet in business in Allegheny City, he with several other gentlemen established a wholesale lumber business in Erie, and in 1878 he located permanently in this city. In 1887 he became interested in the Ball Engine Works, being made president of the company in the same year, and he has ever since continued at the head of that large and important industry. He was for many years largely interested in the lake trade, at one time owning three large freight steamers, and is now heavily interested as a stock holder in steamship companies, and as above stated was for a time the vice president of the Lake Carriers Association. In his native Allegheny City he was prominent in municipal affairs and served as president of the common council two years, and was a member of the select council for sixteen years, while for twelve years he was president of the body. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade in Erie.

In 1860 Mr. McBrier was married to Mary E. White, who traces her ancestry in America to the Mayflower, the Hon. D. N. White, her father, at one time being proprietor of the Pittsburg *Commercial Gazette*. The children of Mr. and Mrs. McBrier are: David N., the vice president of the Ball Engine Works; Harry L.; Frederick, the secretary of the same body; Mary Louise; and Lucy, the wife of Alexander Jarecki, of Erie. Mr. McBrier is a member of both the Masonic order and of the Presbyterian church.

Gustave C. Krack is one of the well known citizens and business men of West Erie, and member of the firm of Gustave Krack and Son, the leading sheet metal workers of the city. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, October 20, 1868, son of Gustave and Matilda (Bausch) Krack. The family came direct to Erie in 1884. Both Gustave C. and his father learned the tinner's trade in the old country, where for at least six generations the oldest son of the family followed the same occupation. Upon coming to Erie, the father worked first at the Car Works, and then with Conrad Flickinger, continuing with the latter until 1900. The son, however, not having thoroughly mastered his trade in Germany, completed it after coming to Erie. He then worked as a journeyman in various large cities of the country, returning to Erie in 1895. In 1900, he and his father formed the firm of Gustave Krack and Son, and engaged in business in a small shop at the rear of their residence, No. 1025 West Eighteenth street. The business developed so rapidly that it became necessary to occupy larger quarters, and in 1906 they erected their present plant at Nos. 1018-1020 West Eighteenth street. There they operate the largest factory in their line in the city, and, besides their specialty of sheet metal, manufacture warm air furnaces; ventilation, exhaust, blast and blow pipings; skylights, metal ceilings, cornices, slate, tin and steel roofing and gutters.

Gustave C. Krack is vice president of the Erie Builders' Exchange, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Exchange. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Elks and the Erie Maennerchor. Besides Gustave C., the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Krack were; Matilda, who married George Neth of Erie; William, connected with Gustave Krack and Son; Amelia; Albert E., also with Gustave Krack & Son; and Bertha, a trained nurse in the New York City Hospital. The members of the family residing in Erie, are all identified with St. John's Lutheran church.

Henry F. Petrie. The son of an old and substantial pioneer and himself occupying a portion of an old and well known family estate, Henry F. Petrie, of Harbor Creek township, was born at Gospel Hill, September 25, 1870. He is a son of Frederick and Barbara (Weislogel) Petrie, both of whom were German born, the father being a native of Hesse Darmstadt and the mother of Baden. The father emigrated to the United States in 1855 locating at once in Erie county. Six years later he married and lived on different farms in this locality and in 1877 purchased eighty-five acres which comprises his present homestead of sixty acres. Since 1896 the elder Mr. Petrie has lived in comfort and comparative retirement in Erie, on Myrtle street.

Henry F. Petrie, of this sketch, is the fourth in a family of three boys and five girls, and made his home with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age. On March 25, 1897, he married Miss Nellie E. Gray, and their child is Florence May Petrie, born July 7, 1900. The wife was a native of Harbor Creek township, born March 7, 1874, daughter of John H. and Lucia (Richmond) Gray. As to the parents, the father was born in Harbor Creek township while the mother was a native of Venango township. The grandparents of Mrs. Henry Petrie were Thomas and Esther (Hall) Gray, the grandfather being a native of county Latham, Ireland, and the grandmother of the state of Connecticut. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Petrie lived for eight years on the paternal homestead after which the husband bought twenty-

five acres of the old farm upon which he built a comfortable and modern residence. On this land he conducts general farming and has one of the attractive country places of the locality. He also has strong local influence in religious affairs, having been an active trustee of the Methodist church since 1901 and steward since 1905 and is also prominent in Sunday school work. In politics he is a Republican and is actively identified with the Protected Home Circle, known as Good Cheer Lodge, No. 137, of Erie.

Armin J. Baur. For a number of years the name Baur has been associated in Erie with the charms of floral beauties and fragrancies; and it is a reputation which anyone might covet. The greenhouse of the Baur Floral Company on west Twenty-sixth street, and its elegant display parlors in the Majestic Theatre building are both beauty spots and fascinating resorts, which stamp their proprietors as leaders in their line in northern Pennsylvania. Armin J. Baur, the moving spirit in the enterprise, is a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, born April 4, 1878, son of Rev. C. A. and Philipina (Blass) Baur, both deceased. The father was a native of Germany; was educated at the University of Heidelberg, and came to the United States in the late sixties, at that time beginning his ministry in the German Lutheran church. His calling took him all over the central middle Atlantic states, his charges being in many of the larger cities of that section. He retired from the ministry in 1896, located in Erie, and there died in the spring of 1905. His wife, who died in 1898, was born in Germany and belonged to the well known Blass family of Erie.

Armin J. Baur began to learn the florist business in Pittsburg, after which he travelled in the eastern cities and as far west as Colorado Springs. In 1896, he came to Erie from that city to associate himself with his brother, Gustave H. The latter was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1880, and travelled with Armin in the west. In Erie they first worked at the old Henry Niemeyer greenhouses on west Twenty-sixth street and Brown's avenue, this business being originally established about 1885. In 1903, the brothers leased the plant and formed the Baur Floral Company, entirely remodeling the old plant and in the summer of 1908 beginning the erection of one of the largest and most up-to-date greenhouses in this part of the state, and covering 112,000 square feet of floor space. The main building is constructed almost entirely of steel, concrete and glass, and the plant has its own water works as well as gas and coal heating systems. While the Baur Floral Company does a large general business, it makes a specialty of growing the Orchid, the American Beauty rose, Poinsettias, Hydrangeas, ferns, etc. The brothers have a large cut flower trade throughout the northern section of the state, and their elegant retail store and show room in the Majestic, is presided over by a younger brother—William Otto—who was born in Cullman, Alabama, in 1888. They make a specialty of interior decorations for parties, receptions, etc., and have a large business among the best people of the city. Mr. Armin Baur is the inventor, patentee and manufacturer of the Baur Carnation Clip, a device for binding together split Carnations, which is the only thing of the kind in existence.

Armin J. Baur married Miss Esther Arnold, of Youngsville, Pennsylvania, and to them one daughter has been born—Catherine. He is a member of the Society of American Florists, of the American Carnation Society and of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, his fraternal relations being with the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum.

CAPTAIN THOMAS J. BOYD. A well known citizen of Erie is Captain Thomas J. Boyd, who has made that place his residence since 1849. He was born in 1848, and is the son of Jeffrey and Mary Boyd, both natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America in 1849. Jeffrey and Mary Boyd had children as follows: Thomas J., Michael, Jeffrey and Mary. The last-named is now Mrs. O'Hara, of Niagara, New York.

Captain Boyd was reared and educated in Erie, and in 1869 began his career on Lake Erie, his first employment being as fireman; step by step, as opportunity offered, he advanced in knowledge and skill, studying navigation first-hand, until in 1871 he was able to pass the rigid government examination, becoming master mariner. From that date until 1900 he served as master of a tug, and was part owner of the following tugs: "Wm. E. Scott," "Erie," "America," and "Erastus Day." These tugs were purchased by the trust, in 1900. In 1908 Captain Boyd became interested in the Builders Supply & Sand Company, with which he is still connected. The company owns and operates the steamer "America," of which he is captain. This boat is known as a "sand sucker," that is, it sucks sand from the bottom of the lake, and it is this sand which the company furnishes to the builders of Erie.

Captain Boyd is a member of the Knights of Columbus, also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married, in 1871, May Golden, and to them have been born eleven children, eight of whom are living, namely: Thomas J. Jr., Marcella, Minnie, Helen, Leo, Joseph, Gilbert and Mildreth. Thomas J. Jr., is a marine engineer employed on the great lakes.

JOHN J. BAXTER. A public spirited and highly esteemed citizen of Erie, John J. Baxter has been a resident of this city for upwards of forty years, and as a skilful carpenter and pattern maker is actively identified with its mechanical industries. During the Civil war, he bore arms in support of the cause of the Union, and has since been equally as valiant in championing every enterprise and project of benefit to his country. A son of the late Henry Baxter, he was born, December 27, 1846, in Utica, New York. At six years of age he accompanied his parents to Chicago, Illinois. Here they lived three years and they then moved to Rock Island, remaining there three years. After the father's death the family moved to New York state and subsequently to Michigan.

A native of New York state, Henry Baxter was a natural-born mechanic, and early became familiar with the workings of all kinds of machinery. His inclinations turned him towards railroading, and he gradually filled positions of minor importance until he became a locomotive engineer, in which capacity he won distinction for running the engine that drew the first passenger train to make a trip on what is now the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway and that time known as the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad. He was subsequently killed while on duty. He married Jane Van Slyke, also a native of New York state, and they became the parents of six children, namely: G. W.; John J., of this brief sketch; J. N.; Lottie; Nancy; and Charles, deceased. The maternal grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Brought up in Illinois, John J. Baxter attended the common schools of his neighborhood, and while conning his books absorbed, unconsciously, mayhap, practical lessons in patriotism and loyalty to home and country. In the fall of 1864, seeing the pressing need of more men at the front, he enlisted, October 15, in Company I, Twenty-eighth Michigan

Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Twenty-third Corps, First Division, Second Brigade, of the Department of Cumberland. On January 18, 1865, his regiment was attached to the Army of Ohio, and he took part in various battles fought on North Carolina soil, including one at Wise's Forks, on March 8 and 9; at Kinston on March 14, when he received a slight wound in the head, at Goldsboro, at Raleigh, and was present at the surrender of Johnston. Mr. Baxter subsequently served with his command on provost duty, being with his command in the District of Raleigh, in August, 1865; in the Wilmington District, in October, 1865; and in the District of Newbern, in January, 1866. On June 5, 1866, he was honorably discharged from service, with an honorable record for bravery and fidelity as a soldier.

Soon after his return from war, Mr. Baxter located in Erie, Pennsylvania, coming here July 3, 1866, and has since made this his home. He was for a number of years employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and helped to erect the first telegraph wires in this vicinity, the line bringing Erie in touch with other great centers. In 1871, Mr. Baxter enlisted in Company B, Seventeenth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and on January 14, 1873, was made corporal of his company; was promoted to sergeant October 21, 1873; made first sergeant August 4, 1874; second lieutenant March 30, 1880; and on August 27, 1880, received his commission as captain of his company. During the Pittsburg riots, Mr. Baxter was on duty with the Seventh Division, patroling Kingston on August 2; at Wilkesbarre on August 4; and in Scranton from August 4 until August 10, when he was discharged from service. Since settling in Erie, Mr. Baxter has followed the carpenter's trade, principally, and as a man of honor and integrity stands well among the well known and highly esteemed residents of the city.

On February 19, 1872, Mr. Baxter married Catherine Quien, who was born in Erie, September 17, 1846. Her parents, George and Catherine (Redding) Quien, were born in Alsace, France, their births occurring in 1814, and both came to this country when young, about 1828, and were here married. Mr. Quien was a ship builder by trade, and carried on a substantial business. To him and his wife eleven children were born, of whom five are living, as follows: Elizabeth, Catherine, Sophia, William and Gustave. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have three children, William H. Baxter Gustave A. Baxter and Annie S. Baxter. Mr. Baxter is a member, and past commander of Erie Post No. 67, G. A. R., in which he has filled all of the offices. He takes great interest in educational affairs, and for six years served as superintendent of the Erie School buildings.

William H. Smith. Ranking high among the keen, progressive and enterprising men that are closely associated with the advancement of the mercantile interests of Erie is W. H. Smith, who for the past twenty years has owned and managed a meat market at 924 Parade street. He is a connoisseur in meats, keeping in stock the best to be obtained, and cutting and putting it up so artistically and scientifically as to attract patronage, and at the same time give evidence of his superior knowledge of the details connected with his trade. A son of John Smith, he was born March 6, 1857, in Erie, and was here brought up and educated.

John Smith was born in Germany, and came to this country when young. Learning the trade of a carpenter, he followed it in Erie during his active career, becoming widely known as a trustworthy workman,

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and a valued citizen. He married Mary Gerhart, who came to Erie from Germany when a child, and into their household eight children were born, as follows: Sophia; John; George; William H., of this brief biography; Mrs. Minnie Fister; Mrs. Josephine Camp; Mrs. Melia Fitzner; and Mrs. Annie Cook.

Trained to habits of industry and thrift from his early youth, William H. Smith entered the employ of a butcher when a boy and continued work at that trade for twenty years, obtaining a practical knowledge of the business in its every detail. In 1889, embarking in business on his own account, Mr. Smith purchased his present establishment on Parade street, and has since built up an extensive and remunerative business, being the leading meat dealer in this part of the city. He has a very large trade, handling on an average six beeves a week, and one thousand pounds of sausage of his own manufacture.

Mr. Smith married, in July, 1882, Annie Deamer, and of the seven children born of their union six are living, namely: Edward, Carrie, Helen, Alkey, Norman, and Margaret.

John T. Brew. The Brews, father and son, are among the best known railroad men (classed in the working force) in the history of the Pennsylvania Railroad in western Pennsylvania. The latter, John T. Brew, is now assistant trainmaster, located at Erie, and is further, one of the most prominent Democrats and public men of the city and county. Born at Wellsville, New York, on the 14th of December, 1866, he is a son of George and Bridget (Quinlan) Brew, the father, a native of Scotland and the mother, of Ireland. Having spent all his mature life in railroad work, George Brew died at Spring Creek, Warren county, Pennsylvania, in 1902, aged seventy-seven years, and the mother passed away at Corry, Erie county, in the year 1906, sixty-five years old.

When John T. Brew was an infant of one year the family settled at Petroleum Centre, Pennsylvania, and about ten years later removed to Spring Creek. It was at that locality, when he was only fourteen years of age, that the youth commenced his lifelong career in railroading, and his entire training and continuous progress has been in the service of the Pennsylvania Company. During the earlier years he devoted only the summer months to his railroad work, attending school the balance of the year, and thus managing to graduate with credit from the Corry high school in 1886. On June 1, 1889, he became a resident of Erie, and continued with the Pennsylvania Company in various capacities until the organization of the Chamber of Commerce, when he was elected its secretary. But he only held that position for six weeks, resigning it to accept his present office as assistant trainmaster of the company in whose employ he has been for a virtual lifetime.

Mr. Brew's prominence as a Democrat and a citizen of public affairs commenced in 1895, when he was elected to a seat in the Common Council of Erie. He thus served for three successive years (one year as president), and from 1900 to 1904 was a member of the Select Council, holding the presidency of the latter in 1902 and 1903. For two years he was chairman of the city campaign committee, handling the funds in the contest which resulted in the election of Mr. Saltsman for mayor by two thousand majority. In 1897 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the mayoralty. Mr. Brew has been a delegate to numerous state and county conventions of his party, and in 1908 served as a delegate-at-large to the national convention which nominated Bryan. Outside of his

political and public relations to the community, he is an active member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade; a loyal and leading promoter of various fraternities and a stanch Catholic, being identified with St. Peter's cathedral. He is especially prominent in the Knights of Columbus, having been deputy for five years of the district which embraces Erie, Crawford, Warren, Venango and Forest counties, and at Reading, Pennsylvania, May 12th, 1909, at the State Convention was elected to the highest office of the order in the state, State Deputy in charge of one hundred and six councils in the state of Pennsylvania. He also belongs to the Elks, Maccabees and C. M. B. A. Married to Ella J. Cooney, of Irvineton, Pennsylvania, Mr. Brew's wife is the daughter of John Cooney, a well-known merchant and justice of the peace of that place. The children of the union are as follows: George Willi, a graduate of the Erie high school (class of '08) and now a student at the Pennsylvania State College; Paul Edward, still a student in the city high school; Mary, who died in infancy; John Vincent, Mary Columbia and Eugene James Brew.

Frank H. Payne. Deserving representation in this publication as one of those alert and progressive "captains of industry" who are aiding materially in forwarding the commercial prestige of the city of Erie, Frank H. Payne is the incumbent of the responsible office of manager of the Metric Metal Works of the American Meter Company, the strongest corporation of its kind in the world.

Mr. Payne was born at Petroleum Center, Venango county, on the 1st of April, 1868, and is a son of Calvin N. and Martha (Dempsey) Payne, the latter a daughter of the late and honored Captain Francis Dempsey, of Erie. Mr. Payne is indebted to the public schools of the old Keystone state for his early educational discipline. He was graduated in the high school at Titusville as a member of the class of 1885, and in 1887, after a more advanced academic course, was graduated in the Hill School, at Pottstown, this state. He was then matriculated in Princeton University, in which he completed the prescribed course in the academic department and was graduated in 1891, with the degree of B. A. While at the university he was prominent in the athletic affairs of the institution, especially in connection with the "national game" of base ball, in which he was a valued member of the team of his alma mater.

On the 18th of July, 1891, the month following his graduation, Mr. Payne became secretary and treasurer of the Metric Metal Company, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and on the 1st of the following October he removed to Erie, where he has since been a potent factor in connection with the fine industrial enterprise of this company. Since December, 1895, he has held his present executive office of manager. Mr. Payne has shown signal loyalty to the city in which he maintains his home, and has given his earnest co-operation in support of measures tending to advance the industrial and civic precedence of Erie. He is a member of the directorate of the First National Bank of Erie, and is identified with the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Erie Board of Trade. In a more specific social way he is a member of the Erie and the Kahkwa Clubs, and of the local Princeton Club, composed of former students of Princeton University; of this last mentioned organization he has been secretary from the time of its inception, on the 2d of November, 1897. Though never active in the domain of "practical politics" he gives a stanch allegiance to the Republican party.

On the 21st of September, 1892, Mr. Payne was united in marriage to Miss Grace Barber, daughter of James R. Barber, of Titusville, this state, known as the oldest living oil operator in the Union. Mr. and Mrs. Payne have two children, F. Dana, and Calvin N. II.

A. A. Deming. Highly esteemed throughout the community as a man of energy, enterprise and integrity, A. A. Deming is contributing his full share towards the promotion and advancement of the business interests of the city of Erie, and as a manufacturer of doors, blinds, sashes, and builder's supplies is carrying a large and profitable business, his plant being located at the corner of Railroad and Twenty-first streets. He was born, in 1862, in Spring Creek, Warren county, a son of J. O. Deming. J. O. Deming, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Johnson, were born, bred, and married in Warren county, his birth having occurred in 1829, and hers in 1844. They are still living on the farm which they improved, in Spring Creek, honored and respected by all who know them. Five children were born of their union, namely: L. L.; A. A., the subject of this brief biographical review; C. C.; Clair; Mattie; and Addie D., who died in 1908, married John H. Donaldson of Spring Creek.

After completing his early studies in the district school, A. A. Deming served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, at which he became expert. Locating in Erie in 1889, he continued at his trade for six years, being successfully employed as a contractor and builder. Buying, in 1895, a large tract of land at the corner of Railroad and Twenty-first streets, nine hundred feet by one hundred and ten feet, in dimensions, Mr. Deming erected his planing mill, and has since established a thriving business in the manufacture of sashes, doors, blinds, and builders' supplies of all kinds. He has a large patronage, employing fifteen men, whose weekly wages amount to from $150 to $175.

Mr. Deming married, in 1889, Miss Flora L. Bogue, of Chautauqua, a daughter of James and Pollie Bogue. Taking an interest in local affairs Mr. Deming served as constable, tax collector, assessor, and one term on the Erie School Board, of which he was elected a member in 1897. Fraternally he is a member of Keystone Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M.

George N. Banghart. Prominent among the successful business men of Erie, is George N. Banghart, who is advantageously located at 923 East Eighth street, where he has a commodious store building, well stocked with fine and fancy groceries, and a full line of notions. A son of George W. Banghart, he was born, in 1855, in Paterson, New Jersey, of substantial German ancestry, being a direct descendant in the fifth generation of Philip Banghart, the emigrant ancestor, the line being thus traced—Philip, Michael, Peter, George W., and George N.

Philip Banghart emigrated to America in 1740, and here spent the remainder of his life. He reared four children, Michael, Barney, George, and Mary. Barney served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and in one of its noted battles lost a leg. Michael Banghart had a family of thirteen children, one of whom became a Methodist Episcopal minister, and attained a venerable age. Peter Banghart was a life-long resident of New Jersey, spending a large part of his time in Belvidere. He married a Miss Parks, and they became the parents of a number of children. George W. Banghart was born in Belvidere New Jersey, but subsequently removed to the city of Paterson, from there coming to Erie,Pennsylvania,

where for many years he was employed as a hack driver. He married Mary Van Ness, the descendant of one of the earliest families to settle in the United States, the founder of her family coming to this country prior to the landing of the Mayflower. Six children were born of their union, namely: George N., the special subject of this sketch; John H.; M. A., deceased; Rachel; Eliza, deceased; and James L., deceased.

But six years of age when he came with his parents to Erie, George N. Banghart received the advantages of a public school education, and as a young man was interested in military affairs. Enlisting, in 1875, in Company G, Seventh United States Infantry, he was in active service in the west during the Indian troubles of that time, and at the engagement at Big Hole was three times wounded. A brief account of this battle may not be amiss in connection with the army life of Mr. Banghart. In August, 1877, Captain George L. Browning marched his company to Fort Masule, where he was joined by the "Mountain Rangers," a company of citizens. Thus re-enforced, the company started in pursuit of the Nez Perce Indians, overtaking them in their camps, at Big Hole, where a premature fight was brought on through a shot being fired at a single Indian who was caring for his mount, the alarm causing the entire camp to take the defense. While the Indians, four hundred all told, outnumbered the regulars more than two to one, there being but one hundred and thirty soldiers, there were only forty killed, and forty wounded on the Government side, while one hundred and thirty red men were killed, and many wounded. At this battle, which took place August 19, 1877, Mr. Banghart received wounds in the right forearm, the right shoulder, and the right groin. He was honorably discharged from the service as a private in 1878, and immediately returned to Erie. In 1891 Mr. Banghart opened his present place of business, and as a retail general merchant has met with great success, making a specialty of groceries of which he keeps a large and valuable stock, his trade increasing from year to year.

Mr. Banghart has been twice married. He married first, in 1879, Sophia Perry, who passed to the higher life in 1890, leaving four children, namely: Mabel, now the wife of F. Lord; Roy E.; Alice V.; Hazel P., wife of Charles Rowlands. In October, 1894, Mr. Banghart married for his second wife, Miss Anna Langdon, a most estimable woman, and a kind, helpful, congenial companion.

William J. Carroll. The energetic, substantial and valued citizens of the city of Erie have no better representative in mercantile circles than William J. Carroll, who is carrying on a thriving business as a dealer in flour, feed, grain, hay, straw, etc., at 1001 Parade street. As a man and a citizen he is held in high esteem, and has the full confidence of his associates and patrons. A native of New York, he was born, in 1865, in Dunkirk, and was there brought up and educated. His parents James and Ellen (O'Brien) Carroll, natives of Ireland, reared four children, namely: Daniel, John, Nellie, and William J. The branch of the Carroll family now living in Union township, Erie county, is of Irish extraction, being descended from one Ferdinand Carroll, who emigrated to this country from Ireland, but it is not certainly known whether William J. Carroll belongs to that family or not. On coming to Erie county, Ferdinand Carroll bought from the government a tract of wild land in Union township, and the farm which he began to improve is now owned

by his grandson, George Carroll, a venerable and highly respected man of four score years, and more.

As a young man William J. Carroll was for some time employed in a feed and grain establishment in Dunkirk, and worked, also, for a while in the office of the United States Express Company, both employments entering largely as important factors in educating him for commercial pursuits. Thus equipped by knowledge and experience for a business career, Mr. Carroll located, in 1894, in Erie City, establishing himself at his present place, on Parade street. Here, by his upright and honorable transactions, and a ready willingness to oblige all customers, he has built up a most profitable trade, carrying a good stock of flour, feed, grain, hay and straw. From the very beginning, Mr. Carroll met with almost phenomenal success in his operations, his business materially increasing from year to year, and, owing to its demands, he built, in 1904, at the corner of Twentieth and Parade streets, on a switch of the Nickel Plate Railroad, a large warehouse, which greatly facilitates his business, which is steadily increasing in interest and volume. He employs a force of seven men, keeping them busily employed in attending to the wants of his numerous patrons. Mr. Carroll married, in 1896, Miss Caroline Spahr, and their home is pleasant and attractive.

John Hamberger. The interposition of the able, progressive and reliable real estate dealer has greater influence than all other agencies in forwarding the material upbuilding and advancement of any community, and in this important field of operations in Erie county none has accomplished a more beneficent work than has the subject of this brief review, who is a senior member of the well known and popular real-estate and insurance firm of John Hamberger & Company, whose headquarters are in the city of Erie.

John Hamberger claims the old Empire state of the Union as the place of his nativity, since he was born in the city of Rochester, New York, on the 13th of October, 1858. He is a son of George Adam and Mary (Rensehler) Hamberger, both of whom were born and reared in Wurtemberg, Germany, where they continued to reside until 1855, when they severed the ties which bound them to the fatherland and came to America. Both located in the city of Rochester, New York, where their marriage was solemnized and whence they came to Erie, Pennsylvania in 1859. They have here maintained their home for a full half century, and to them is accorded the unqualified esteem of the community in which they may well be designated as pioneer citizens. Both are nearing the age of four score years but are well preserved and find that, as the shadows of their lives begin to lengthen from the golden west, their lines are "cast in pleasant places."

John Hamberger was an infant at the time of his parents' removal to Erie, and here he was reared to maturity under beneficent influences and surroundings. He duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools, including the high school, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of the centennial year, 1876. For many years he was identified with clerical work of an important nature, and he was bookkeeper in the Erie office of the Chicago & Erie Stove Works until April 1, 1892, when he engaged in the general real-estate and insurance business, in which his personal popularity and his correct business methods have conserved a splendid success. Since 1905 his only son, Robert N., has been his able coadjutor in the enterprise, under the firm name desig-

nated in the opening paragraph of this article. The business has attained to wide proportions, and has involved the handling of many important properties in this county, especially the city of Erie, while the insurance branch of the enterprise is based upon representation of a number of the stanchest and best known companies, in the lines of fire, marine, life, and accident indemnity.

Mr. Hamberger has been a prominent figure in connection with public affairs as well as business interests in his home city and county. He served from 1890 to 1899 as a member of the city council, a continuous service of four terms of two years each, and in 1890-91, as well as in 1895, he had the distinction of being president of the council. In this municipal body he wielded a very potent and definite influence in the securing of a wise and effective administration of municipal affairs, and by his progressive policy added to his strong hold upon the confidences and regard of the people of the community. In 1899 he was appointed a member of the Pennsylvania fisheries commission, and since that time he has retained this important incumbency, as one of the five members of the body. He was recently reappointed to the office by the governor of the state, for a term of three years, and has thus entered upon his fourth consecutive term. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and he is a valued member of the Erie Board of Commerce and Board of Trade, is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity, and holds membership in the Kahkwa Club.

On the 30th of November, 1882, Mr. Hamberger was united in marriage to Miss Belle Roberts, who was born in the city of Philadelphia and who is a daughter of the late Henry C. Roberts, who was for many years a well known and highly honored citizen of Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Hamberger have two children, Robert N., and Florence N., and the attractive family home is a popular center of most gracious hospitality.

John Valentine Laver, florist, Erie, having greenhouses on the East Lake Road, and city sales room at No. 704 State street, is a representative business man in his line. He is a native of State Line, Ohio. He was born November 2, 1860, son of Michael and Mary (Buhl) Laver, natives of Rhinbeck Province, Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in the early fifties, the mother came a few years later, and they were married in this country. They lived at different places, including State Line, where they spent two years, and finally they settled on a farm in McKean township, which was their home the rest of their lives, the father dying here in 1896, at the age of seventy-six years; the mother in 1900, at the age of sixty-one. They were members of the Lutheran church, in the faith of which they reared their family. Their four children are as follows: A. G., engaged in the grocery business at Erie; John V., whose name introduces this sketch; William, who resides on Ridge Road in West Mill Creek township, Erie county; Kate, wife of J. H. Shaeffer, 124 East Fifth street, Erie.

John V. grew up on his father's farm and as a boy attended the common schools of the neighborhood. After giving his attention to farming for a few years, he decided to specialize and accordingly entered the employ of Henry Niemeyer, florist, with whom he remained for a period of nine years. In 1900 he engaged in business for himself. He purchased two acres within the city limits, which, with three acres he

owns in East Mill Creek township, he utilizes for this business, and he has 35,000 feet of glass, modern buildings, etc., thoroughly equipped for the growing of a variety of the most saleable flowers on the market. In 1892 he opened a sales room at 705 State street, which soon proved too small for his increasing business and from which he moved to larger quarters at 723 State street. Three years later he moved to 711 on the same street, and in July, 1908, he came to his present and still larger quarters at 704 State street.

Fraternally, Mr. Laver is identified with the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar and a member of the Scottish Rite and also of the Mystic Shrine. Politically, he is a Republican. He married, at Erie, Miss Anna M. Offerle, a native of Warren, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of George Offerle, a native of Germany.

William J. Flynn. Since Washington, in addressing the delegates to the Continental Convention, said "Lay broad and deep the foundation for the general diffusion of knowledge," the public schools of our country have been more or less in evidence. Each year they have increased the efficiency, modern pedagogical methods being introduced into even the more rural communities, and through these institutions of learning we are fast becoming among the most enlightened people on earth. The schools of Erie rank well with the other schools of the Keystone state, having an excellent board of education, of which William J. Flynn, a well known and highly esteemed citizen, is the secretary.

Mr. Flynn was born June 12, 1875, in Rockland, Massachusetts, where his parents, Michael and Alice (Clancy) Flynn, first lived on coming to this country from Ireland, and where they were married. The family came to Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1879, and here the mother's death occurred in 1905.

Mr. Flynn was educated in the public schools of Erie, being graduated from the Erie High School with the class of 1892. The same year he entered the office of the Erie board of education as assistant secretary, and served so acceptably in that position that, in 1903, he was made its secretary. Since 1899 he has served as secretary of the board of library trustees. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the board of trade, two of the city's important commercial organizations, and is a corporator of Hamot Hospital. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is a valued member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic cathedral.

Frank P. Coyle, of Erie, who is a leader in the business, industrial and civic activities of the city, is a native of Buffalo, New York, where he was born April 8, 1867. He is a son of John and Alice (O'Donnell) Coyle, natives respectively of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Springfield, Massachusetts, and for years residents of Buffalo, where they still live. It was in that city that Frank P. received a common and high school education, and after he had completed his studies was identified for some eight years with the Erie Railroad at Buffalo.

Mr. Coyle became a resident of Erie in 1895, locating there as agent for the Washburn-Crosby Company, the great flour manufacturers of Minneapolis. He had charge of their interests in the Erie district for six years, and in 1901 commenced to handle all the freight for the Anchor line of boats at their Erie docks. In 1909 he withdrew from those interests altogether, and since that time has been giving his at-

tention to the sand and gravel business. He is also identified with other enterprises, such as the Cement Products Company and the Arandsee Machine Company, both of which concerns he incorporated. For the past decade Mr. Coyle has been prominent in the municipal affairs of Erie, and from the fall of 1899 to the spring of 1900 filled an unexpired term in the Select Council from the First ward. His relations to the work of secret and benevolent societies are confined to the order of Elks, of which, however, he is an active member. Mr. Coyle married Miss Mary Johnson, daughter of Patrick Johnson, of Buffalo, New York, and they have one son, Frank L. Coyle.

V. D. Eichenlaub, a general contractor of sewers, pavements and all kinds of concrete construction and also extensively engaged in the manufacture of cement building blocks, has for a long period occupied a foremost position in the ranks of Erie's leading business men. As the incumbent in local office he has also proved his worth and in the various relations in which he is found he commands the honor, respect and good will of his fellow townsmen. One of Erie's native sons, he was born in the Third ward on the 31st of August, 1852, and is a son of the late Ferdinand and Catherine (Trout) Eichenlaub, old and well known residents of this city, both of whom were natives of Herxheim, Bavaria, Germany, but were married in Erie. The former was a son of Joseph Eichenlaub, who in 1845 emigrated to the United States with his large family and after a tempestuous voyage of seventy-three days landed at New Orleans. On the last day out the rations were reduced to one potato for each passenger on shipboard. The family first located in Cincinnati, Ohio, but in 1847 came to Erie, where the grandfather engaged in pork packing, in which business he was later joined by his son Ferdinand. They made extensive shipments of pork by lake to Buffalo. For many years after the grandfather retired from active life the son Ferdinand carried on the meat business and remained a substantial, enterprising and reliable business man of Erie up to the time of his death which occurred in 1883. His wife passed away in 1907.

V. D. Eichenlaub was reared in Erie and attended the city schools. When a boy he became his father's assistant in business and when twenty-one years of age opened a meat market on his own account, continuing in that field of labor until 1880. He then engaged in handling fertilizers for four years and in 1889 took up the business of general sewer and paving contracting. From the beginning the new work proved successful and his interests in that particular have constantly broadened out bringing increased success annually. In 1905 he added the manufacture of concrete blocks, sidewalks and other concrete materials and is now conducting an extensive enterprise in this line. He has thus long figured as a prominent business man of the city, contributing to the growth and progress of Erie, for every successful business undertaking is a factor in municipal advancement. In 1894 he erected the Eichenlaub block on the southeast corner of State and Eighteenth streets, which he still owns. In 1906 he erected the Wayne hotel on West Twelfth street, built of concrete blocks, and of this he is also yet the owner. He likewise has a valuable business block at the northwest corner of Twelfth and State streets and other desirable city real estate, both improved and unimproved, including his handsome brick residence on West Twenty-sixth street, which he erected in 1887.

Anton Gottfried and Wife

Mr. Eichenlaub was married to Miss Anna M. Quinn, the daughter of Francis Quinn, who for forty years has been an active engineer on the Lake Shore Railroad and even now, although in advanced age, is still a representative of the road in that capacity. He was born in England but is of Irish parentage and in his younger days was a sailor on the lakes. His wife bore the maiden name of Catherine O'Rourk. Mr. and Mrs. Eichenlaub have become the parents of three children: Frank J., a resident of Erie; Mabelle, the wife of Robert McClenathan, of Erie; and Arthur V., also of Erie.

While the development and conduct of his business interests have made large demands upon his time and energies, Mr. Eichenlaub has also found opportunity to co-operate in many movements for the general good in the lines of progressive citizenship. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth have frequently called him to office and for nine years he filled the position of market clerk, while for two terms he was county assessor. He was also collector of delinquent taxes for the county, city and schools in the Fifth ward for one term and was elected city assessor, which position he filled for a term of three years under the new law. A year later this same law was declared unconstitutional and he lost the office. In 1881 he became a member of the city council and in all these different positions he has exercised his official prerogatives for the advancement of general public interests, proving himself a progressive and public-spirited citizen. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way, as his success has resulted from his enterprise, careful management and unfaltering diligence.

Anton Gottfried, of the firm of A. Gottfried & Company, was born at Neulussheim, Baden, Germany, February 10, 1862, and is the son of George Henry and Dorothy (Schott) Gottfried. After receiving a good education in his native country, he studied organ building, and worked for two of the largest manufacturers in Germany, Lauckhuff, at Weickersheim, Wurtemberg, the largest organ supply house in the world, and W. F. Walcker & Company, of Ludwigsburg, Wurtemberg, the largest pipe organ factory in Europe. In 1888 he came to the United States, landing at New York, and entered the employ of Frank Rosevelt, at that time one of the largest organ builders of the country. He next found employment with C. S. Haskell, of Philadelphia, church organ builder, and later received a request to re-enter the employ of Rosevelt, of New York City, who had established a large branch in Philadelphia. In 1890 he began the manufacture of organ supplies on his own account, on a small scale, in Philadelphia, which was the humble beginning of the present firm of A. Gottfried & Company, of Erie. His capital was limited, but as he had natural talent along the line of his chosen work, and was thorough master of all its details, he was able to get a start, and his work was of so superior a quality as to be its own recommendation, and in this way he gained the confidence of his patrons, and the goodwill of the trade in general. His efforts have been along the line of improvements to methods already in use; he is recognized as one of the leading artists in the country in reed and flue work, the most difficult feature in the production of tones, and in this field he has made a number of important improvements. His flue work is of such high character as to have become a standard; he is a close student of his work, and his endeavors place him in the front rank of his craft in the country. Mr. Gottfried has invented a special

organ pipe, entirely new in form and style, with which tones can be produced of a character so closely resembling different orchestral instruments as to be recognized only by the ear of an expert. This cannot be done by other pipes, and they are covered by patents. He has also applied for a patent on his device for regulating the flow of air in the pipe foot of organs, or in other words regulating the pressure.

In 1892 Mr. Gottfried took in as partner, at Philadelphia, Henry Kugel, and two years later the plant was removed to Erie, primarily through the efforts of Mr. Felgemaker, an organ manufacturer, who induced Messrs. Gottfried and Kugel to locate in that city by promising them orders for pipes for his organ output. Their business continued to grow until they found it necessary to secure larger quarters from time to time. Accordingly they removed to their present location, at Nineteenth and Myrtle Streets, in 1904, and which they built, their present quarters covering forty by one hundred feet, three stories and basement, with ground one hundred thirty-five by one hundred twenty feet. They employ thirty skilled workmen, and their product is pipes and all kinds of organ supplies, having a market all over the country, from Philadelphia to California, and have even shipped goods to British Columbia, South Africa, and other foreign countries. They have a patent on a special stop, also, which they manufacture. In 1909 they began the manufacture of a combination instrument embodying the piano and organ, styled the piano-orchestrion.

Mr. Gottfried is a member of the German Baptist church, also of several social, business and fraternal organizations. He married Regina Merz, daughter of William and Margaret Merz. She too was born in Neulussheim, Baden, Germany, who came to the United States at the same time as Mr. Gottfried, and they were married at Philadelphia. They have children as follows: Elsie, Hilda, Ottilie, Helen, Orlinda, Harry A., and Henry. Elsie is a student of the violin, for which she has a high talent, having studied under the best teachers of Erie and Cleveland, on the piano, pipe organ and violin, and is now a student at the conservatory of music at Oberlin College, Ohio, where she is also taking a collegiate course. Her special and favorite instrument is the violin. She is remarkably gifted along musical lines and in harmony is particularly proficient. Hilda is a student at the German Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, where she is preparing for the missionary field. Ottilie, who is highly gifted in music, is studying under the supervision of Mrs. Colby, of Erie.

Fred W. Burnham. The leading wholesale lumber business in Erie has Fred W. Burnham as its proprietor and active conductor and he has become a decided leader in that field after having been engaged in it for twenty years of the half century spanned by his life. He is a native of Minnesota, born May 2, 1859, and is a son of the late William B. and Frances (Cowan) Burnham. The father was a native of the state of New York; was born January 20, 1824, and was a son of Eliphalet Burnham, born in Connecticut of English descent. In the early fifties William B. Burnham migrated westward to Michigan, where after spending a number of years he was married and boarding a "prairie schooner," with his wife, they journeyed to Minnesota. There he engaged in farming until 1871, when he returned to the east and established a grocery business at Union City, Erie county, which he conducted for twenty years following, dying in 1905. His widow is also a native of New York state, daughter of William Cowan, a Michigan pioneer.

J. A. Root

Fred W. Burnham was twelve years of age when his parents returned from Minnesota and located at Union City, this county, and after attending the public schools he entered his father's grocery. He continued in that line until 1889, and at the age of thirty commenced to develop his abilities as a lumberman. He forced such good results from every situation that when he located at Erie in 1906, both his finances and his experience enabled him to there found the largest wholesale lumber business in the city. He has steadily retained that standing, having also become one of the most progressive members of the Erie Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce. He is identified with the fraternities as a Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Burnham is married to Littie I. Waters, a native of Union township, Erie county, and daughter of Alonzo Waters, an early and prominent settler. His children are Bessie, Rena J. and Fred W., Jr., and all the adult members of the family are active Methodists.

Jesse Allen Root, real estate and wholesale lumber and timber dealer of Erie, with offices in the Downing building, is a prominent factor in the business activities of that city. Mr. Root is a native of Middlesex, Washington county, Vermont, born just outside the city limits of Montpelier on September 15, 1878, son of George and Iris C. (Howe) Root. His parents were representatives of old New England families and both were born in Vermont, the father at Montpelier and the mother, at Turnbridge. The parental grandfather, Webster Root, was a native of New Hampshire, and the maternal grandfather, Rhino Howe, was born in Vermont. George Root, the father, died in the latter state on January 27, 1889, at the age of thirty-six years, and his wife survived him until September 8, 1903, when she died on her fifty-first birthday.

Jesse A. was reared in his native county and his early education was obtained in the common schools. Then he entered the Montpelier Methodist Seminary (now the Montpelier Seminary), completing a course therein, and in 1899 going west to Kirksville, Missouri, there entering the American School of Osteopathy and graduating from that institution in 1901. Returning east, Dr. Root settled in Erie, which has since been his home and where he has large business interests. He is secretary and treasurer of the Curtis Company and of several other lumber concerns whose aggregate holdings amount to several hundred million feet of timber, the company mentioned doing an enormous business. The doctor's personal holdings include his handsome residence on the south side of the city and two fine farms in Harbor Creek township, this county, one containing one hundred and eight acres and the other forty acres, all under grape cultivation.

Dr. Root married Miss Zella Myrtle Bowman, a native of Kirksville, Missouri, and daughter of Andrew R. and Emily (Clark) Bowman. Her grandfather, a pioneer minister of Missouri, served in the Confederate army both as a preacher and a soldier. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Root—Paul Bowman, Winifred Naomi and Virginia Harriet. Fraternally, the doctor is identified with several fraternal orders and is a member of the Atlas and the Country clubs.

James Archibald Henry, Superintendent of the Erie County Alms House, which is located near Erie, is a man of prominence among the county officials, possessing in an eminent degree the discretion, trustworthiness and force of character requisite for the responsible position which he is so ably filling. A native of the city of Erie, he was born.

July 25, 1867, a son of the late Michael Henry. He comes of thrifty Irish stock, his grandfather Henry having been a life-long resident of the Emerald Isle. After the death of her husband, which occurred in 1829, Grandmother Henry emigrated with her eight children to the United States, coming almost directly to Erie, where the family made their first settlement. She died at an advanced age, and all of her children have passed away. There were four boys in the family, John, William, Nathaniel and Michael, and four girls.

Born in Ireland, November 18, 1818, Michael Henry was a lad of eleven years when he first made his appearance in Erie City, which was but a small town, extending westward only as far as Chestnut street, south to Eighth street, east to Parade street, while the lake was its northern boundary. His first work as a wage earner was on the frontier farm, where he cut wood for twenty-five cents a cord. He was next employed on the canal and lake, working a few years for old Mr. Reed. Starting then in business on his own account, he took contracts for building sewers, and was one of the leading contractors of the present system of water works in Erie. Continuing as a contractor until 1872, he was one of the bosses when the present reservoir was built. Retiring from that business, he moved to Summit township, where he carried on farming until his death, in 1891. Although his book knowledge was limited, Michael Henry, who attended school but a few days in his life, was a natural mathematician, and could figure the dimensions and requirements of a piece of work as rapidly and accurately in his mind as many other contractors could on paper. He did much of the stone work on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad. A man of much natural ability, he became prominent in public and political life and served as a member of the Select Council and the Common Council for the long term of twenty-six years, and was twice director of the Erie County Alms House, of which his son is now superintendent. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

Michael Henry was twice married. He married first Mary A. Pogson, who bore him eleven children, of whom three are living, namely: Mrs. Will Irving, Mrs. John T. Pressley, and Mrs. Dr. C. L. Fox. He married second Jane Warren, who was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1836, and died in 1870. The only child of this union was a son, James Archibald, of this brief personal narrative.

But three years old when his mother died, James A. Henry subsequently made his home with his maternal uncle, John Warren, a farmer in Summit township. He received a practical education in the district school, remaining on the farm until twenty-one years old. Going then to Ellwood, Pennsylvania, he began to learn the trade of a machinist, and at the end of a year went to Greenville, where for eight years he was associated with the Shelby Steel Company, now the United States Steel Company. Returning then to Erie, Mr. Henry worked for a year in the Stearns Manufactory, after which he accepted the position of engineer at the Erie County Alms House, and retained it until February, 1907, when he received his appointment as superintendent of this institution, which is one of the best of its kind in the state.

Mr. Henry married, in 1901, Leonie Bean, who was born in Summit township, Erie county, a daughter of William A. Bean. Of this union one child has been born, a daughter named Hulda Geraldine. Fraternally Mr. Henry is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the

Royal Arcanum, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Religiously he belongs to the United Presbyterian church, while Mrs. Henry is a member of the Universalist church.

PETER HARTMAN, Superintendent of School Buildings, Erie, was born in Erie county, in what is now McKean township, January 7, 1853, son of John and Elizabeth (Ludwig) Hartman, natives of Germany, who came to the United States about 1850. The parents were married in the old country, and five children were born to them there, two of whom died previous to the emigration of the family to America. On their arrival here, they came direct to Erie, where they lived for a time, subsequently removing to McKean township, and a year later making permanent settlement on a farm in Franklin township, which continued to be their home while the parents lived. The father died there in 1871; the mother, in 1884. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Of their large family, the following named members are now living; John, a resident of the Fifth ward, Erie; Mary, wife of Freeman Grant, of Union City, Pennsylvania; Peter, whose name introduces this sketch; Jacob, a resident of the Sixth ward, Erie; and Daniel, of Union township.

Peter Hartman passed the first eleven years of his life on his father's farm and received his early education in the country schools. At the age of fifteen he began serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, at Girard, Erie county, under the instructions of H. D. Meyers, with whom he remained three years. He worked at his trade for some time and also did some contract work at Girard and other places previous to the spring of 1893, when he came to Erie and established himself as contractor and builder. For eight years he was thus occupied. Then he was appointed by the school board to the position he now holds, that of Superintendent of School Buildings, having continued in office by each year being reappointed.

December 25, 1887, Mr. Hartman married Miss Anna M. Lacher, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 6, 1859, and is the daughter of John Adam and Margaret (Wettslein) Lacher. At the age of twelve years Mrs. Hartman came to America with her father and sister, her mother having died in Germany, and upon their arrival here they made their home in Erie, where Mr. Lacher still lives, now in his eightieth year.

EDWARD PERKINS SELDEN, son of Samuel and Caroline (Perkins) Selden, was born at Mayside, Fairview township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of April, 1858. In 1868, when he was ten years of age, his parents removed to the city of Erie, where he has since continued to reside and where he has risen to a secure place as a representative citizen and business man. He attended the public schools until he was about fourteen years of age, when he secured employment in the hardware store of his uncle, John C. Selden on French street; later he was for a time a student in the Erie high school, where he supplemented his earlier training. At the age of sixteen years he was office boy in the Erie City Iron Works, of which great industrial institution he is now vice president. In 1894 he became treasurer of the corporation, and of this office he continued incumbent until 1899, when he assumed his present office of vice president, in which he finds insistent

demands upon his time and attention as an executive and administrative officer.

Amid the cares and exactions of a signally active and successful business career, Mr. Selden has had no inclination to neglect those duties which stand for the higher values in the scheme of human existence. His estimate of the complex elements of life has been such as to make him intrinsically a strong man and one appreciative of his stewardship in relation to his fellow men. He has thus given of himself, his influence and his material co-operation to all measures which tend to advance the general welfare of the community, and a generous tolerance and helpfulness have marked his course as a citizen and as a business man.

In his boyhood Mr. Selden became a member of the First Presbyterian church, and those who know him best realize how fully his religious faith has entered into and dominated his daily life. He was made a ruling elder in this church when twenty-five years of age, and during the years since that time his interest and zeal in church work have been constant and marked by appreciative consecration of purpose. He has been a loyal and earnest supporter of the work of the local Young Men's Christian Association, of which he served as president for two terms, and he is identified with various other organizations maintained for benevolent, charitable and moral purposes and standing representative of high civic ideals. At the time of this writing, in 1909, he is specially interested in the promotion and establishing of what is to be known as the Elwood Home, designed as a home for boys and as a partial substitute for the reform school, to which many wayward boys are sent when their needs could be more effectually met by such an institution, of semi-probationary and essentially home functions, as that to whose establishment Mr. Selden is giving much of his time, thought and labor. He believes that many boys are sent to reform schools where association with those of the incorrigible type brings disastrous results, while such an institution as the Elwood Home can be made to justify its name and become a notable contribution to the benevolent agencies in every state,—one with practical aims and conducted along practical lines. For this proposed home in Erie Mr. Selden, with his cousin, George D. Selden, and other members of the family, has donated a fine site on the shore of Lake Erie, and they are otherwise contributing liberally to the furtherance of the philanthrophic enterprise.

Mr. Selden has traveled extensively in America and in foreign lands, and has made his journeyings in the world a source of personal satisfaction and the accumulation of wide and varied information. A man of culture, of fine intellectual ken, a successful worker in connection with the productive activities of the industrial world, and a citizen ever loyal and public-spirited, Mr. Selden holds a secure place in the confidence and regard of the people of his native county. In national politics he gives his allegiance to the Republican party; he is identified with various civic and fraternal organizations of a representative type, besides being a valued member of the Erie Board of Trade.

In the year 1895 he married Miss Blanche McCreary, daughter of the late Jackson McCreary, of West Mill Creek township, Erie county, and they have two children,—Edward Perkins, Jr., and Caroline McCreary.

Michael Crowley. In this day of scientific farming, methods have been originated or discovered, whereby the soil has been made to

yield most bountiful crops, and agriculture has taken its rightful place among the leading industries of our nation. The men who have brought about this marvelous change are men of energy, intelligence, and enterprise, and prominent among the number who are aiding the advancement of the agricultural development and progress of Erie county is Michael Crowley, of Elgin, an active and highly esteemed citizen. His fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres lies partly in Union, and partly in Concord townships, and, with its substantial buildings, gives ample evidence to the passerby of his skill and good judgment as a thorough-going agriculturist and rural householder. Like many other of our most esteemed citizens, he is of foreign birth, having been born, in 1844, in Ireland.

In 1852 Mr. Crowley's father, Jeremiah Crowley emigrated with his family to this country, coming directly to Erie county. This part of our great state was then comparatively in a primitive condition, there being neither railroads, telegraphs or telephones, in fact none of those modern conveniences which are now classed as necessities rather than luxuries. He assisted to some extent in building the first railway to pierce Erie county, and with his son Michael, witnessed the noted railway war of a half century ago, and well remembered the burning of the block house, and consequent excitement. In 1865 he purchased land lying in Union and Concord townships, and began the improvement of the property now owned and occupied by his son Michael. By judicious toil and good management, he improved a fine homestead, and there resided until his death, in 1893. He married in Ireland, Hannah ——, who died in the home farm in 1892. Four children were born of their marriage, namely: Catherine, deceased; Michael; Jeremiah; and Bartholomew.

Succeeding to the ownership of the parental acres, Michael Crowley has spared neither pains nor expense in his agricultural operations, and by dint of close application to his chosen industry has his land under a high state of cultivation, producing crops of such value as to command the highest market prices.

Mr. Crowley married, in 1874, Anna Driscoll, who was, likewise, born in the Emerald Isle, and of their union eight children have been born, five of whom are living, namely: Thomas; Martin; Bartholomew; Catherine, now Mrs. DeWitt; and Mary, who lives at home. The sons are all associated with the oil industry in West Virginia, being busily and profitably employed as well drillers. Mr. Crowley is a Democrat. The family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Union City.

Harvey S. Lyons. Numbered among the successful, enterprising and well-to-do agriculturists of Erie county is Harvey S. Lyons who is living on the homestead where his birth occurred, in 1843, and on which he has spent a busy and active life, engaged, principally, in the cultivation of the soil. He comes of honored pioneer stock, being a son of John Lyons, who came to this section of the country nearly four score years ago, and by cheerful labor and heroic sacrifice cleared a valuable farm from its primitive wildness, and assisted in the building up and improving of Union township.

A native of New England, John Lyons was born, in 1810, in Massachusetts, and in that state of good morals and good habits was brought up and educated. He was a natural mechanic, skilful in the use of tools, and as a youth learned the cabinet-maker's trade. Soon after at-

taining his majority, he followed the tide of immigration westward, in 1832 coming to Beaverdam, Pennsylvania, where he began work at his trade. In the meantime, he boarded at the home of Samuel Smith, whose pretty daughter Nancy he soon fell in love with, and wooed and won. A few months later, in 1835, he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land in Union township, Erie county, and at once began the arduous task of improving a homestead. His earnest labors were rewarded; and in the course of time he added to his landed possessions, until he owned two hundred and eighty acres, a large portion of which he succeeded in clearing. Here he lived, honored and respected, until his death, April 17, 1904. He was one of the respected and upright citizens of the community, prominent in public affairs, holding all of the township offices which the citizens could confer upon him, and was a valued member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served many years as elder. Nancy Smith, whom he married, was born in October, 1811, and died April 30, 1909. Counting the years of their courtship, John and Nancy (Smith) Lyons, lived under the same roof-tree for seventy-three years, more than the allotted period of man's earthly life. They became the parents of seven children, namely: James J., born at Beaverdam, in 1835; David S., born in Union township, in 1838; Samuel S., born on the home farm in 1840; Harvey S., of this sketch; Daniel, born in 1845; John C., also born on the home farm, his birth occurring in 1849; and Sarah Jane, born in 1853. Three of the sons, James J., Samuel S., and Harvey S., did valiant service in defense of their country's flag and honor during the Civil war, James J. and Samuel S. as members of the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, and Harvey in the 145th Pennsylvania Infantry. Samuel S. was killed at the Battle of Gaines Mills, and Harvey S. was wounded, December 13, 1862, at the battle of Fredericksburg.

A life-long resident of Union township, Harvey S. Lyons received a practical common school education, and being reared by a father who was well versed in agricultural lore became familiar with general farming at an early age. After being honorably discharged from the army at the close of the war, he resumed his agricultural labors, and now, in conjunction with his brother, John C. Lyons, owns and operates two hundred and twenty-six acres of the parental homestead, carrying on farming with characteristic skill, vigor and ability.

Mr. Lyons married, in 1878, Florence R. Breed, and to them three children have been born, namely: Robert H., born May 9, 1879; Henry B., born July 15, 1881; and Herbert S., born November 6, 1883. Robert H. married Nettie Stark, and has one little son,—John Leslie. Henry B. married Tessie Horton, and they have one child, Harvey Horton, whose birth occurred October 16, 1908. Since the advent of this newest member of the family, four generations have lived under the same roof, in the home of Mr. Lyons, there being a difference of ninety-six years in the ages of the oldest and youngest members of the household. Fraternally Mr. Lyons is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Clement Lodge of Union City, and of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 102 at Union City. Succeeding his father in the good graces of his fellow citizens, Mr. Lyons has filled many public offices with distinction and honor, and now, in 1909, is serving as justice of the peace. Mr. Lyons is independent in politics, and casts his franchise for the best man.

"IDLEWILD," RESIDENCE OF MRS. MARY SEWELL

MRS. MARY SEWELL'S BARN

ALFRED E. SEWELL. The large agricultural interests of the late Alfred E. Sewell of Harbor Creek township, who died in 1890, are efficiently continued by his widow who not only conducts the old farm but has developed a large, good gas well on the place. Mr. Sewell was a native of Harbor Creek township, born January 2, 1855, son of Sydney and Nancy (Riblet) Sewell, both of whom were natives of Erie county. The father was of New England parentage and the maternal ancestors were of German stock. Sydney Sewell, the father, was born March 27, 1812, and the mother August 27, 1818. They both died in their native county of Erie, the former, January 17, 1891 and the latter December 27, 1904. Of their family two were sons and four were daughters.

Alfred E. Sewell, of this review, was the youngest in the family and lived with his parents until his marriage in 1882. After that event he rented a portion of his father's farm in Harbor Creek township, afterward purchasing fifty-three acres of the estate and devoting it largely to horticulture, five acres of the place being devoted to grapes and small berries. On March 2, 1882, Mr. Sewell wedded Miss Mary Plumb, a native of Greenfield township, born November 2, 1860, and a daughter of Daniel and Ida (Simon) Plumb, the former a native of Greenfield township and the latter of Saxony, Germany. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Sewell has operated the home place, continued the rearing of her children and made substantial building improvements as well as developed to a considerable extent several gas wells which were discovered on her property some years ago. Mrs. Sewell is not only a good business woman, but is widely known for her activity in religious and charitable works having been a member of the Baptist church since 1892. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Sewell are Clarence E., residing at home; Gertrude, a teacher in Fresno, California; Bertha, also of that city; Ruth Cleveland, at home. Mrs. Sewell's home is known as "Idlewild."

RICHARD H. ARBUCKLE. A worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Erie county, the Arbuckle family having been among the first to locate in this section of Pennsylvania, Richard H. Arbuckle is one of its most highly esteemed citizens, and as president of the Harbor Creek Mutual Fire Insurance Company is widely known. During his earlier life he was for many years in the employ of the government, but of more recent years has been an important factor in advancing the agricultural interests of the county. His ability and fidelity in performing his public duties, his integrity, and his excellent good sense in all matters pertaining to business affairs, have won for him the regard of his neighbors and associates, both in the country, where he spends his summers, and in Erie, which is his winter home. A son of the late William G. Arbuckle, he was born, October 14, 1835, in Erie. His grandfather, Adam Arbuckle came to Erie in the early part of the last century, took up his residence on East Sixth street, between Holland and French streets, and there his children were born and bred.

Born at the home on East Sixth street, William G. Arbuckle served an apprenticeship when a young man at the carpenter's trade, which he followed many years, afterwards being superintendent of the Erie City school buildings. To him and his good wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Bowers, six children were born, as follows: Richard H.,

of this sketch; George W.; Mary, wife of J. W. Humphrey; Louisa C., wife of John K. Hallock; Frank P.; and John.

Educated in the public schools and at Erie Academy, Richard H. Arbuckle served an apprenticeship of four years at the printer's trade, in the office of the old Erie *Observer*. He was afterwards clerk in the Erie Post Office for a time, and in the years 1875-6-7 and 8 served as county commissioner. Subsequently for four years, from 1885 until 1889, Mr. Arbuckle was collector of customs and disbursing officer at the port of Erie, performing the duties devolving upon him in this capacity efficiently and honorably. On giving up public life, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, his fine farm in East Mill Creek township, with its substantial buildings and modern equipments, giving ample evidence to the passer-by of his skill and good taste as a practical farmer and rural householder.

Mr. Arbuckle married, in 1859, J. Antoinette Burton, daughter of the late John and Charlotte E. (Barnes) Burton, who were the parents of four children, as follows: J. Antoinette, now Mrs. Arbuckle; Phoebe J., wife of Jacob Warfel, one of Erie's best known citizens; Lydia M., wife of the late H. C. Sprague, of Toledo, Ohio; and Laura, who died in 1853. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle, namely: Huldah Jeannette, wife of John C. Wolfe; John Burton; Katie Eliza died in 1868; Charlotte Barnes; William Irwin; and Richard C.

Edward W. Merrill. Conspicuously identified with the development and advancement of one of the great industries upon which the wealth and prosperity of our nation so largely depends, Edward W. Merrill is meeting with noteworthy success in his agricultural operations, and as superintendent of the Scott farms in Erie is carrying on general farming after the most approved modern scientific methods. The spirit of progress in every direction was never so much in the air as at the present day, and never was the public so ready to give its attention to anything and everything that will tend toward the betterment of the affairs of its people, and of its interests in general. Agriculture has come in for its full share of notice in this onward movement, and through the aid and counsel of such wide-awake, brainy men as Mr. Merrill is establishing and maintaining for itself a place of prominence among the more important industries of the world. A native of New York state, he was born, September 20, 1850, in the town of Pavillion, a son of David M. Merrill.

The Merrill family, it is supposed, is of French extraction, being descended from the Huguenot family De Merle, who escaped to England after the memorable massacre on Saint Bartholomew's day, in August, 1572. This family belonged to the Auvergne nobility, and had its ancestral estate near Place de Dombes, in that province. The founders of the Merrill family in America were two brothers, John Merrill and Nathaniel Merrill, who emigrated to New England, in 1633, from Salisbury, County of Wilts, England, to Ipswich, Massachusetts. In 1634 these brothers settled in Newbury, becoming charter members of the new town. John Merrill died September 12, 1673, and by his wife Elizabeth, who died July 14, 1682, had one child, Hannah. Hannah, born in England, married, May 24, 1647, Stephen Swett, and died, April 4, 1662.

Nathaniel Merrill, born in Salisbury, England, about 1610, died in Newbury, Massachusetts, March 16, 1654. Of this union with Susannah Wilterton six children were born, namely: John, born in 1635; Nathaniel, born in 1638; Abraham; Susannah; Daniel, born August 26, 1642; and Abel, born February 20, 1644. The line was subsequently continued through several generations to one David Merrill, who was great grandfather of Edward W. Barzilla Merrill, the grandfather, was born November 17, 1764, and died April 14, 1850, in Fabius, New York. He married Electa ———, who was born May 3, 1770, died August 4, 1840, in Fabius. They had a family of eleven children, David M., the father of Edward W., having been the youngest child.

David M. Merrill was born June 4, 1815, in Onondaga county, New York, about thirty miles south of Syracuse, and died February 4, 1881, at North East, Erie county, Pennsylvania. Coming with his wife and children to Erie county in 1855, just after the completion of the railroad in this vicinity, he settled first at Johnson's Crossing. Three years later, in 1858, he removed to North East, where he continued his free and independent occupation of farming until his death. He was a Democrat in politics, active in public affairs, serving several terms in the borough council. On October 17, 1839, he married Deborah Wallis, who was born April 22, 1820, in Onondaga county, New York, and died March 15, 1907, in Syracuse. They became the parents of four children, namely: Wallis E., born November 12, 1841, was drowned March 19, 1847; Maria H.; Edward W., of this sketch; and Evangeline A. Maria H., the second child, born August 8, 1843, married, October 5, 1864, Byron D. Bramer, who died September 26, 1907. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bramer, namely: Fred, born May 20, 1866; Mary Eva, born November 30, 1867; Lewis Byron, born June 16, 1870; B. Edward, born October 9, 1873; and Harry Monroe, born September 5, 1881. Mrs. Bramer, whose only surviving child is B. Edward Bramer, lives in Syracuse. B. Edward Bramer married Jane A. Pellens, August 3, 1904, and they have one son, William Edward, born February 9, 1907. They reside in Syracuse. Evangeline A. Merrill, the youngest child of the parental household, born May 16, 1855, married, in 1882, Frank H. Perkins, and now resides in Detroit. Three children have blessed their union, namely: Merrill Alonzo, born December 24, 1882; Richard Harold, born June 5, 1890; and Frank Donald, born November 18, 1893, died December 6, 1897.

Five years of age when he came with his parents to Erie county Edward W. Merrill attended the public schools of North East, and from his youth up was well trained in the various branches of agriculture. After attaining his majority he was variously employed, for three years running a planing mill in North East, afterwards being engaged in business as a contractor for four or five years. He was one of the leading men in Nort East while a resident of that place, for six years serving as supervisor of the borough, subsequently, as superintendent and secretary, having almost full charge of public matters. Accepting his present position as superintendent of the Scott farms in 1900, Mr. Merrill has since resided in Erie, occupying the Frontier farm. A man of much force of character, possessing undoubted business and executive ability, Mr. Merrill has met with most satisfactory success in the management of the large estate under his care. The sixteen hundred acres in the property is divided into farms, including the Lake

View, Algeria, Carter, Roll, McNary, Frontier, and Lawrence, farms, all valuable estates.

On January 17, 1872, Mr. Merrill married Amanda Wolf, who was born, November 3, 1850, in North East, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Hayberger) Wolf, and the descendant of a prominent pioneer family of North East. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill have one child, Nellie M., born September 18, 1872. She married, January 17, 1894, Lafey G. French, of North East, and they have four children, namely: Ruth G., born May 11, 1895; Helen N., born October 5, 1896; Edward M., born July 27, 1899; and Florence E., born April 18, 1902. In his political affiliations Mr. Merrill is a stanch Democrat, and religiously he is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Erie.

Walter W. Gingrich, general manager, secretary and treasurer of the Wayne Brewing Company, and one of Erie's most prominent young business men, was born in the city, October 7, 1864. He is the son of the late Henry Gingrich, and grandson of John Gingrich, a pioneer of the county. The family is of German origin, but has been established in Pennsylvania for at least seven generations. John, the grandfather, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and came to Erie county in 1812, settling in Mill Creek township on what afterwards became known as the Gingrich farm, but is now a part of the city. Here he followed farming the balance of his days. Henry, son of John, was born on the Gingrich farm, August 27, 1821. At first a farmer, later in life he became interested in one of the pioneer mills of the township, and became prominent in not a few public capacities. While he was a resident of Mill Creek township, he served as justice of the peace for twenty-five years and for twelve years was an active member of the city school board. His death occurred June 25, 1896. The deceased married Margaret Wolf, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1829, daughter of Cyrus Wolf, an early settler of Mill Creek township. The wife died December 24, 1897, mother of the following children: Mary G., widow of the late J. H. W. Stuckenberg, D. D., the first pastor of the English Lutheran church of Erie, chaplain of the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil war, and an author and poet of recognized ability; Etta, who married the late John M. Ormsbee and who resides in Erie; William H., who is an employe of the City Water Works; Louis E., who died in July, 1897; Gertrude, an instructor in Wooster (Ohio) University, and Walter W., of this sketch.

Walter W. Gingrich was educated in the public schools of Erie. In 1896 he was elected city controller, in which office he served until 1902. In 1900, while ably performing its duties, he became secretary and treasurer of the Consumers Brewery Company, and was made manager, in addition to the other positions, in 1901. The Consumers became the Wayne Brewing Company in 1908, and in his present official relations Mr. Gingrich is one of the main promoters of its large interests. He is also an influential member of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, while as a Mason he is past master of Keystone lodge and actively identified with Temple chapter, Mount Olivet Commandery and Zem Zem Temple. His other fraternal relations are with the Elks and the Shrine club.

William E. Beckwith. The faithful and able service of William E. Beckwith with the Marine National Bank of Erie is nearing the quarter-century mark, and in his fourth year as cashier of that institution he has strongly demonstrated his talents as an executive financier. He is a native of Connecticut, born in Old Lyme, New London county, Connecticut, on the 17th of November, 1863. His family has been a fixture in New England for generations, his father, William J., being also a native of New London county, while his mother (nee Mary J. Havens) was born in Sag Harbor, L. I.

William E. obtained his early education in various district schools and at private institutions in Old Lyme. Among his teachers in his native town, who strongly influenced his after career, was Professor Stone. After a few months of uncongenial experience in a general store near home, the boy received a letter from his old instructor, who had removed to Erie, urging him to complete his education at the Erie Academy in which he (Professor Stone) was then teaching. Mr. Beckwith was thus induced to move to that city and for three years was an industrious student at the Erie Academy. Then, in 1883, he became a clerk in the book store of Ensign & Sherwood, and in 1886 commenced his identification with the Marine National Bank. He commenced at the bottom of the scale and has steadily risen to the top, his present position of cashier, to which he was appointed January 9, 1906, carrying with it the highest active responsibilities of the bank. He is also well known outside of the financial field, being an active member of the Board of Trade, Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Kahkwa Club, as well as otherwise identified with the business and social life of the city. Mr. Beckwith's wife was formerly Miss Clara Bull, born in Markham, Canada, daughter of Henry W. Bull and mother of Lois H., Mary E., Esther, Winifred and Helen Beckwith. The husband and father is a member of the Presbyterian church, while Mrs. Beckwith is an Episcopalian.

Lyman Felheim's leading position as a manufacturer of rough and dressed lumber and a dealer in this product of his factory has been reached by continuous exertions and able management in the Erie field for a period of twenty-seven years. This covers nearly his entire business life since he attained his majority, for he was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 7th of November, 1860. His parents, Solomon and Yette (Mandelbaum) Felheim, were born in Germany—his father at Bayreuth and his mother near Munich, Bavaria. Both emigrated to the United States early in life and were married in Cincinnati. In that city the father spent the years of his active business life, spending his last years in Erie as a retired citizen. The mother is still living there. After receiving his education in the Cincinnati public schools, Lyman entered the employ of an uncle in Cleveland when fifteen years of age. He was thus employed from July, 1875, until March, 1882, when he located in Erie as a member of the lumber firm of Schlosser and Felheim. In 1887, by purchase, he succeeded to the business as its sole proprietor, and has since ably conducted and steadily developed the establishment. His factory is at the corner of Sixteenth and State streets and his yards near the Nickel Plate Railroad depot.

Mr. Felheim's firm position in the industry and trade with which he has so long been identified is well established, and in 1907 he served as president of the Erie Builders' Exchange, of which he has long been a leading director. He is also on the directorate of the Erie Chamber

of Commerce, is a member of the Business Men's Exchange and the Board of Trade. He is actively identified with the ritualistic and benevolent work of several of the fraternities, including Masonry. In the latter he is a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 362, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; is also past high priest of Temple Chapter and a member of the Lodge of Perfection. His active membership further includes the Lake Shore Lodge, I. O. O. F., I. O. B. B. and the Erie Maennerchor. Mr. Felheim's wife was formerly Miss Laura Lasalle, born in Toledo, Ohio, daughter of Captain Jacob Lasalle. Her father served in the Civil war as captain in an Illinois regiment, and is now at the head of one of the largest department stores in Toledo. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Felheim, S. Lasalle and Robert J. Felheim.

Thomas Cassius Miller. Members of both sides of the family represented by Thomas C. Miller, the ex-county superintendent, educator and able lawyer of Mill Creek township, have been strong factors in the establishment of the agricultural interests and the pioneer institutions of the county. The maternal ancestors (the Brindles) became identified with the upbuilding of Erie county and West Mill Creek, as early as 1800, the continuous history of the Millers in that section beginning in 1826. Thomas C. Miller himself, for seven years county superintendent of schools and for the past ten years a progressive practitioner in all the courts, is also one of the most widely known advocates of prohibition in the state. He was born on the old farm in West Mill Creek, on the 3rd of December, 1855, and is a son of John J. and Mary C. (Brindle) Miller, the former being a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the latter, of Franklin county, that state. The great-grandfather, Jacob Miller, who was a native of Scotland, came to America in colonial times and served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His son, also Jacob, was born in Lancaster county, removing therefrom to Erie county, in 1826, and locating on a farm which lay on the line between Mill Creek and Fairview townships. At a later date he fixed his homestead within the limits of Mill Creek township in the neighborhood of Salem church. He married Mary Manning, also a native of Lancaster county, and the children of the union were John (father of Thomas C.), Jacob, Eli, Amos and Peter, all deceased; Mary Jane, the only one living; and Nancy Ann and Fanny, deceased. John J. Miller was born in Lancaster county, November 25, 1818, and was therefore but eight years of age when he was brought by his parents to Erie county. His after life was spent in acquiring a district school education, in farming as a resident of West Mill Creek and as an intelligent citizen, concerned both officially and as a family man in the progress of the local educational system. Among other township offices he held the position of school director. The father's death occurred February 9, 1891, the widow still residing in Mill Creek township; and, as she was born April 25, 1832, she is now in her seventy-eighth year. The birthplace of Mrs. John Miller is in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and she is the daughter of Mathias Brindle. Her grandfather, Mark Brindle, migrated from Franklin county in 1800 and established the family homestead on four hundred acres of land in Mill Creek township.

Thomas C. Miller, of this biography, was reared on the home farm in the above named township; was educated first in the district schools of the neighborhood, and in 1880 graduated from the State Normal at Edinboro, afterward becoming a student at Oberlin (Ohio) Col-

lege. For nearly five years prior to the completion of his normal course he had spent various periods in teaching, his career commencing in the winter of 1875-6. At that time, shortly after leaving the public schools, he began teaching in Union township, and in the winter of 1877-8 he taught in Mill Creek township and returned to the Normal during that season. After his graduation in 1880 he continued as a teacher in Mill Creek, and after leaving Oberlin College remained in West Mill Creek as an educator of growing reputation until the fall of 1889. Mr. Miller was then appointed superintendent of schools of Erie county by State Superintendent E. E. Higbee, to fill out the unexpired term of J. M. Morrison, resigned. In May, 1890, he was elected to the regular three years' term and re-elected in 1893, serving continuously until the first Monday in June, 1896. His seven years' superintendency of the educational system of Erie county were marked by energetic and wise management and an expansion along modern lines of progress; his administration was a distinct era of advancement for the county, but it also marked the conclusion of his career in the province of teacher and superintendent, since at the conclusion of his last official term he gave himself wholly to the study of law for three years.

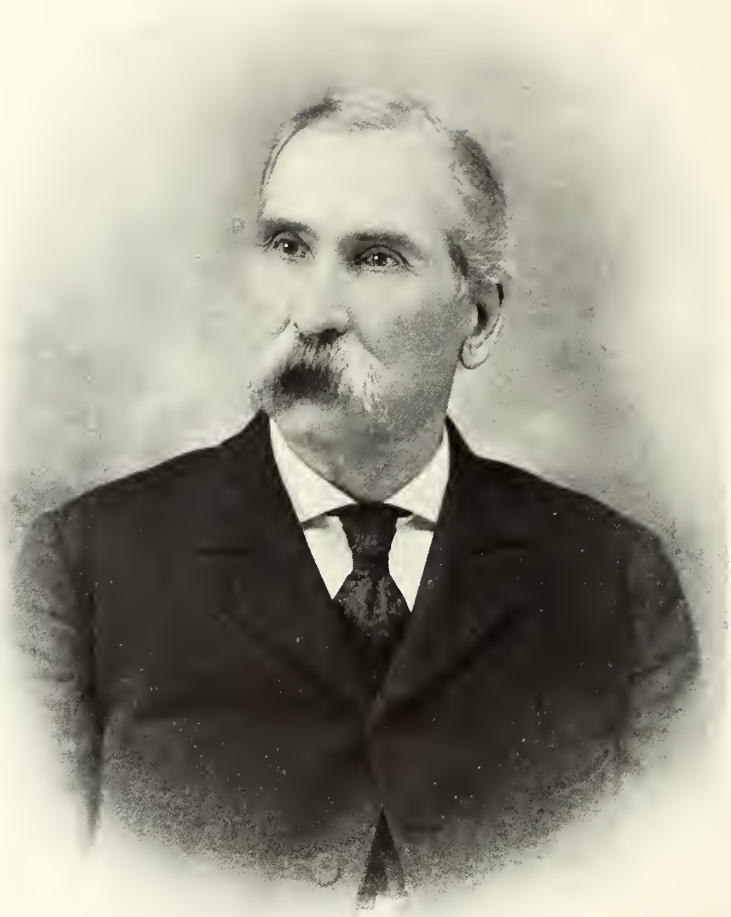
On July 8, 1899, after prosecuting his studies in the office of Rilling and Fish, he was admitted to the bar, at once opening an office at No. 710 State street, Erie, which has since been the headquarters of his professional business. In 1904 he was admitted to practice in the United States courts, the nature of his work being general, but mainly confined to civil procedures. An able lawyer and an earnest Republican, his deep sense of moral responsibility to the community has also induced him to take a firm stand in support of temperance. In 1908 he was a candidate of the Prohibition party and the Local Optionists of the Third district of Erie county for the legislature, but was defeated with the balance of the ticket. He is a Mason, being a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 362 of Erie, and for the past thirty-five years has been closely identified with the work of the Westminster Presbyterian church, being now an elder of that body and superintendent of its Sabbath school (since 1881).

On the 13th of August, 1882, Mr. Miller wedded Miss Emma Jane Lewis, born in Fairview township, this county, January 22, 1860. Her parents, Marcus and Emily M. (Knapp) Lewis, migrated from Poultney, Vermont, at an early date, settling first in Harbor Creek township and in 1857 locating in Fairview. Three children have been born of this marriage—James B., a brilliant engineer connected with the coast survey of the United States government and now stationed in the Philippines (of whom a sketch follows); Emma Adena, born October 12, 1888, a graduate of the Erie high school and now a Junior at Oberlin College; and Thomas Cassius, Jr., born August 12, 1891, a classmate with his sister, who was also educated in the schools of Mill Creek township and the Erie high school, now a Junior in Oberlin College.

James Blaine Miller, oldest child and elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Miller, was born October 30, 1883, and is a graduate of the graded school course of Mill Creek township, the Erie high school and Oberlin College (class of 1903). While a student at college he was appointed to the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, with orders to report at Washington, D. C., for duty. Leave of absence was granted him for a few days before the college commencement, his entire course being marked by high scholarship, as was indicated by his membership in Phi Beta Kappa. His first work as a government surveyor was along

the coast of Alaska and in 1903-4 he was engaged in the survey and charting of the west coast of Porto Rico. In the summer of the latter year Mr. Miller was in charge of a party of government engineers running the precise level line from St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Watertown, South Dakota, and in the winter of 1904-5 was on duty in and around Washington and Chesapeake, among the other interesting duties assigned him being that of definitely ascertaining whether the Washington monument was settling. In the summer of 1905 he was again on duty in the Dakotas, being placed in charge of parties surveying the precise level line to Sioux City, Iowa, and his work was so satisfactory to the department of commerce and labor as to draw forth a letter from the general superintendent stating that for speed, accuracy and economy it had not been equalled. In the winter of 1905-6 Mr. Miller was appointed captain of a cost survey steamer, and in that capacity surveyed and charted, for the first time, Timbelier and Terre Bonne bays, in the gulf of Mexico. In the summer of 1906 he re-surveyed and re-charted the Hudson river from West Point to a location above Poughkeepsie, and in the winter of 1906-7 he had charge of a party engaged in work of the same nature at Hampton Roads, Virginia. He surveyed and charted the island of Kodiak, on the Alaskan coast about seven hundred miles west of Sitka, in the summer of 1907, and on December 10, 1907, sailed for Manila, Philippine Islands, going by way of San Francisco, Honolulu, Japan and Hongkong. Arriving at Manila January 15, 1908, he was dispatched to Ilo Ilo, island of Panay, where he has since had his headquarters, as captain of the coast survey steamer "Research," in charge of the coast survey of Cebu and other islands. Within the past year he has surveyed about 7,500 miles of the insular coast, which fixes the record for department work of that character.

Andrew Augustus Culbertson, so extensively connected with the coal interests of Erie and northwestern Pennsylvania, comes of old-world ancestors who migrated from their original home in Scotland to the north of Ireland and first came into prominence as among the stanch Protestant defenders of Londonderry, Ulster. The first of the family to emigrate to America is said to have come over about 1720, John, the eldest son of the original emigrant being at the time twelve years of age. Andrew Culbertson, the eldest son of the latter, married Jennette Boyd in 1763, and in the following year moved from Philadelphia to the present site of the town of Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, which town he founded in about 1773. The first-born of their nine children, William, was the great grandfather of Andrew A., and by his marriage to Mary Culbertson in 1794 became the father of four children, viz:—Andrew Columbus, Jennette C., John Augustus and Willam Washington. This first marriage took place at Williamsport, and in the following year (1795) they moved to the mouth of Conneattee lake, where Mr. Culbertson erected a grist and saw mill near the site of the present mill at Edinboro. Besides conducting this enterprise, he acquired considerable land in the vicinity; was both farmer and miller and for forty successive years held the office of justice of the peace. William Culbertson's first wife died at Edinboro March 2, 1802, and by his second wife (Margaret Johnson) who passed away in 1820, he was the father of five children, as follows: Maria J., James Johnson, Josiah J., Cyrus A. and Elizabeth. The father of these two families died November 11, 1843. John A. Culbertson, the third child by the first marriage, wedded Clarissa Harrison,



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in Edinboro, on the 23rd of October, 1827, and they became the parents of Harrison, Louis C. (father of Andrew A.), Johnson, Porter and Emily. The paternal grandmother died October 16, 1862, and the grandfather March 16, 1872. The father, who was born at Edinboro, March 7, 1832, has spent his life there, and as a carpenter and builder, and an industrious and sturdy citizen, has added much to the family record as perhaps the strongest agent in the continuous development of the place. Louis C. Culbertson married, on May 31, 1859, Miss Martha M. Proudfit, daughter of Alexander Proudfit and granddaughter of Andrew and Isabel (Smith) Proudfit, who were of Scotch-Irish ancestry and settled in Franklin township in 1833. Seven children were born of this union, of whom Andrew Augustus is the youngest.

Mr. Culbertson was born in Edinboro, December 15, 1874; was reared there and received the bulk of his education within the limits of the town. In 1893 he graduated from the State Normal at Edinboro and in 1901 finished his course at Allegheny College. In the latter year he located in Erie to assume the management of the Erie and Cambridge Springs Suburban Railroad, resigning that position, after three years, to enter the coal business. In 1904 he organized the Culbertson Coal Company and later the Saltman Coal and Supply Company, and has been president of both from the first. As a fraternalist, he is a Mason, and as a clubman, connected with the Erie and Country Club organizations.

Mr. Culbertson's wife was formerly Miss Anna Giles Reeder, youngest child of Isaac R. and Sarah (Giles) Reeder, and is of the well known family which since 1799 has been identified with the progress of the country tributary to Edinboro. In that year her great-grandfather located in the southern part of Washington township, and James Reeder, his second son, owned much of the land which, with his brother-in-law (Mr. Taylor), he afterward platted into eastern Edinboro. He was a successful farmer; built and operated the saw mill now owned by his son, Isaac R.; was a school director and a tireless promoter of education, and in ways too numerous to specify an ideal citizen of his times. Isaac R., the fourth of his thirteen children, was educated in the schools of Crawford and Erie counties, and in 1853 entered into his career as a farmer and lumberman by taking charge of the old saw mill erected by his father, which has already been mentioned. At the present time about four hundred and fifty acres of the original six hundred comprising the old mill property is still held in the family name. In 1865 Mr. Reeder became part owner in the Burlingham pump manufactory at Edinboro and, with various members of the Taylor family, conducted it successfully for many years, or until its destruction by fire. He has always been a citizen of marked public prominence, having held many of the local offices; has served for thirty-two years as a director of the State Normal, being now president of the board, and was one of the organizers of the Edinboro Savings Bank, of which he is president. His wife's people, the Giles family, were natives of Massachusetts, her parents coming from that state in 1818 and slowly journeying by ox-team to their first home in Washington township. This was, in fact, their wedding trip, and Anna Giles was the last of their five children.

George W. Cook, who passed the last years of his life as a retired farmer and citizen of Fairview, Erie county, was a native of Onondaga county, New York, born March 6, 1832. His father, Alvin Cook, moved with his family to Fairview township, this county, about 1837 and at

that time located just west of the village of that name where he passed the balance of his life as an agriculturist. Both he and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Fairview.

His son, George W. Cook, of this sketch, received his education in the schools of Fairview township and Fairview village and at the age of twenty-one located at Erie where for twenty-five years he was engaged as a clerk and bookkeeper. He then returned to his old Fairview home where for a number of years he was postmaster and proprietor of a store, spending the last years of his life in retirement. His death occurred November 2, 1908, and his decease took from the community a popular and Christian man. For many years he was known as a strong supporter of the Republican party and during the Civil war was a member of the state militia organized to oppose any invasion of the Confederate army from the south. He was also an active member of the Masonic fraternity at Girard, Pennsylvania, and that order, with which he was so long identified, conducted his funeral rites. In his religious faith he was an earnest member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Cook's wife was formerly Miss Rebecca Ann Brecht, a native of Fairview township, and a daughter of Samuel and Isabella (Nicholson) Brecht. Her mother was born in Mill Creek township and a daughter of John and Isabella Nicholson. Samuel Brecht, Mrs. Cook's father, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who came to Erie county about 1820 and located at Manchester, Fairview township, where he passed the balance of his life in farming. When Mr. Brecht came to Erie county he brought with him his mother, Elizabeth (Kuhn) Brecht, and seven other children of the family, so that he may be said to have founded it in this section of Pennsylvania. The children born to Samuel Brecht and his wife were as follows: Elizabeth Kuhn, now deceased, who married Jerome Galliard; Isabella Nicholson Brecht, who is now deceased; Maria Louisa, who is also deceased, and married Elias Bales; Rebecca Ann, who became Mrs. George W. Cook; John, and Harriett Jane, now deceased.

John Brecht, mentioned above, was one of the best known and most honored farmers of Fairview township although a man of most retiring disposition. He was very liberal both in his private charities and in his support of the local Methodist church but all of his generosity in this regard was never known until after his death. The deceased married Margaret E. Dixon, of East Springfield, and now also buried with her husband.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cook were as follows: Miles Brecht, Georgianna Alfaretta, who died while quite young; Katharine Rosemond living at home with her mother; and Harriett Isabella, who became the wife of Porter A. Newton, and is a resident of Altoona, Pennsylvania and the mother of Katharine Brecht and George Cook Newton.

Dr. Miles B. Cook, the eldest of this family and a practicing physician of Buffalo, New York, is a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College. He married Miss Maud Anna Davis of Forest county, Pennsylvania, and they have had the following three children: Miles George, who died in November, 1908, at the age of eighteen; Donald Davis, now sixteen years of age; and Ralph Alvin Cook. Miles George was a member of the class of '09 in the high school, also a member of the Lafayette High School Orchestra and of the Mandolin Club. He was

a bright young man and greatly beloved by all his schoolmates and friends and his death was a blow to everyone.

Katharine Rosemond graduated in Erie high school in the class 1907, and in the class of 1909 at the Birmingham School for Girls in instrumental music.

George W. Cook's great-uncle, Lemuel Cook, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and at one time encountering an Indian in his own home he defended himself with a chair. He died aged 107 years old. Elihu and Sarinda Cook, great-grandparents of George W., are interred in Fairview Cemetery.

Titus Berst. More than three-fourths of a century ago the Berst family was founded in Erie county, and few names have been more prominently identified with the civic and material progress of the county than that of this old and honored family, of which Titus Berst of this review is a worthy representative. The old Berst homestead is now an integral part of the city of Erie, and to the development and upbuilding of the city those bearing the name have contributed in most generous measure. Titus Berst was born on what was then known as the old Reed farm, now within the city limits of Erie, on the 10th of April, 1847, and he has literally grown up with the city, in whose advancement and prosperity he has ever taken much pride, the while doing all in his power to further the work of development and progress along industrial, commercial and material lines. His grandfather, Conrad Berst, was a native of Plautz, Germany, where he was born in the year 1779, and where he was reared and educated. In 1798, when about nineteen years of age, Conrad Berst immigrated to America, and soon after his arrival he took up his residence at Manheim, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where, in 1807, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Catherine Gunthner. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and thus manifested his intrinsic loyalty to the land of his adoption. In 1827 he removed with his family from Lancaster county to Butler county, but three years later, in 1830, he came to Erie county. He first rented a small farm south of the city of Erie, which was then a mere village, and in 1834 he leased the Reed farm, of which mention has just been made. In 1836 he removed to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where he passed the remainder of his life, as did also his wife.

John Berst, father of Titus, was born in Manheim, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1808, and there he was reared to manhood, receiving such advantages as were afforded in the common schools of the locality and period. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Erie county, and here he passed the residue of his long and useful life, a man of progressive ideas and one animated by the utmost civic loyalty and public spirit. In February, 1836, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Miller, whose death occurred in 1886 and who is survived by five children, namely: Henry, Catherine A. (wife of Hobart Hogan, of Erie,), Jacob, John W., Titus and Hiram L., who died December 19, 1908.

John Berst continued to occupy the Reed farm until 1866, when he removed to his own farm, located west of the city. In 1842 he had purchased of Joseph S. Colt about seventy acres of land, extending from the present Cherry to Liberty streets and from Seventeenth to West Twenty-sixth streets in the city of Erie. All of this land was at the time given over to farming purposes, and it is now all included in the heart of the residence section of the southwest part of Erie. On a portion of this old homestead three of his sons still continue to make their homes. For a

number of years John Berst continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits, and he then became interested in the nursery business, to which he devoted much of his farm, as did he later to the propagation of garden seeds. In 1861 he purchased the property on the west side of State street between Eighth and Ninth streets, and in 1872 he erected thereon the brick business block which is still standing and which bears his name. He, with his sons, also became interested in the old Erie Railway franchise, and at one time they owned the controlling interest in the system, which they sold in 1888. John Berst was known as one of Erie's most progressive and substantial citizens, and his course in life was characterized by that impregnable integrity and honor which ever beget objective confidence and esteem. He was the architect of his own fortunes and his success was won by worthy means, not the least being the great appreciation in the value of the land which he had the prescience to hold in his possession. He was a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the German Lutheran church. He was summoned to the life eternal in April, 1888, and his name has an enduring place on the roll of the sterling pioneers and loyal citizens of Erie county.

Titus Berst gained his early educational discipline in the common schools of Erie, and supplemented this by a course of study in the old Erie Academy. In July, 1864, while on a visit in the city of Philadelphia, he tendered his services in defense of the Union. He was eighteen years of age at the time and he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Ninety seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He takes much satisfaction in reverting to the fact that he signed his enlistment papers in Independence Park just outside of old Independence Hall, undoubtedly the most cherished landmark in the history of the nation. After remaining in camp at Baltimore, Maryland, for several weeks, his command proceeded to Rock Island, Illinois, where it was assigned to guard duty at the federal prison, in which were held about fifteen thousand Confederate prisoners. At the expiration of the ninety days' term of enlistment the members of the company were mustered out, in Philadelphia, where Mr. Berst received his honorable discharge. By virtue of his service he is eligible for and retains membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

After the close of his military services Mr. Berst returned to his home in Erie, and later he entered a commercial school in the city of Pittsburg, where he was a student at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. In the autumn of 1868 he was matriculated in Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, where he remained as a student for four years, but impaired health caused him to withdraw from the institution only a short time before the time of graduation. Returning to Erie, he became associated with his father and brother, Hiram L., in the nursery business, and gradually the enterprise was changed to that of floriculture, and still later to the seed business. The father ultimately withdrew from the enterprise, which was thereafter continued for some time under the firm name of Berst Brothers. In 1878 Titus Berst became the sole owner of the business, and he continued the same until 1901, when he sold out, after having developed a large and important industry. For several years he was secretary of the Erie City Passenger Railway Company. In 1875 he was commissioned to investigate and report upon the condition of the Methodist Episcopal church interests in the Sandwich Islands. He spent two months in the work of this interesting commission, and within this period visited all sections of these beautiful tropic isles.

In 1880 Mr. Berst erected his commodious and attractive brick residence, at 655 Brown's avenue, and the same is located on a portion of the old Berst homestead of which mention has been made. He has five acres of ground, with an abundance of handsome shade trees, and the residence is surrounded by beautiful lawns, making it one of the most attractive homes in the city. In 1878-9 Mr. Berst was a member of the board of education of Erie, but he has never consented to become a candidate for political office, though he gives a stanch allegiance to the cause of the Republican party. He and his wife are zealous and valued members of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and he holds membership in the Erie County Historical Society, taking a deep interest in the collating and perpetuating of data concerning the history of his native county.

The Berst family has done much in furthering the upbuilding of the city of Erie, in evidence of which fact it may be stated that several fine business blocks stand as monuments to the enterprise and progressive spirit of its representatives. The brick block at 808 State street was erected by the father, John Berst, in 1871, and is now owned by his son Jacob. The Berst block, 806 State street, was erected in 1867, by John Berst and Jacob F. Walther, taking the place of a primitive log house, and this property is owned by Hiram L. and Titus Berst. The New Berst block, on West Eighth street, and adjoining the block on State street, was erected in 1904, by Hiram L. and Titus Berst.

On the 22d of February, 1877, was solemnized the marriage of Titus Berst to Miss Mary G. Brubaker, daughter of George M. and Elizabeth (Beaver) Brubaker, of Millersburg, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Berst's mother was a niece of Thomas Beaver and a cousin of Hon. James Beaver, a former governor of Pennsylvania. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Berst are: Charles Brubaker Berst, born at the old family homestead, was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Erie, including the high school, and after serving three years as a teller in the First National Bank he entered Syracuse College, New York, in the electrical department of which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1907. He is now (1909) completing a practical course in electrical work in the plant of the Westinghouse Company in the city of Pittsburg. Clara Lois was graduated in the Erie high school as a member of the class of 1900, after which she spent three years as a student in the Syracuse Conservatory of Music and completed her musical studies in the conservatory connected with the famous University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where she also taught music for two years; she is now at the parental home and is most popular in the social and musical circles of her native city.

John Elmer Reed and George Arthur Reed, M. D. In the progress of the agricultural interests and the professional affairs of Erie county, various members of the Reed family have actively and prominently participated for several generations, the legal and medical fields having been cultivated with signal success by John E. and Dr. George A. Reed, residents of the city. Joseph Reed, their grandfather, was born in Erie county, and married Jane Grubb, also representing one of the substantial pioneer families of the county; his brother, James L., is still living. John Grubb Reed, the father, still owns the farm on which he was born in Mill Creek township, September 27, 1838, and he wedded Miss Candace Eliza Blair, daughter of John W. and Candace Blair. Mrs. Reed was born January 1, 1840, and died May 8,

1901. Mr. Reed has been a prominent citizen and a progressive farmer of Mill Creek township for many years, having served for two terms as tax collector and three terms as justice of the peace. He has also been of great activity and influence in the affairs of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Mill Creek, having served as trustee, elder and Sunday school superintendent. Six children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Reed—John E., George A., Joseph W., Mary E., Edith J. and James R.

John Elmer Reed was born on the old farm in Mill Creek township on the 27th of February, 1865. He obtained his education in the common schools of his home neighborhood, at the State Normal, Edinboro, and at Clark's Commercial College, Erie. After teaching two terms of school in McKean township and three terms in Mill Creek, he read law in the office of Judge E. A. Walling and was admitted to the bar of Erie county, June 28, 1895. Mr. Reed has since been engaged in a growing practice at Erie. He is identified with the Erie Tool Works both as attorney and secretary and has other interests outside his legal work. Like his father, he was a leader in all the active affairs of the Westminster Presbyterian church, at West Mill Creek, in which he has served as secretary, Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He is now active in the church work of the Central Presbyterian church of Erie. Mr. Reed married Miss Elizabeth Cora Brown, daughter of James and Anna Jane (Cameron) Brown, the former born in Ireland and the latter in London, Ontario, the mother being a descendant of the ancient Cameron clan of Lochiel. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Reed are the parents of one child, Robert C., born March 27, 1901.

George Arthur Reed, M. D., a leading physician of Erie, was born in Mill Creek township, February 27, 1869. He obtained his preliminary education in the common schools and at the State Normal at Edinboro, and then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1895. He first located for practice at No. 2113 Peach street, Erie, whence he moved to his present office, No. 122 West Twenty-first street, which is also his handsome place of residence. The doctor is an active member of the Erie County Medical Society. He married Miss Mable A. Love, daughter of James F. and Jeanette (Dunn) Love, of Erie county, and the two children of their union are Harrison, born January 29, 1895, and Richard, born March 31, 1900.

Joseph Wilbur Reed, third child and son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Reed, is a leading farmer of Mill Creek township, born on the old family homestead, March 27, 1871. He was educated in the common schools and at the State Normal; married Mary Jane Caughey, daughter of John F. and Lotta C. Caughey, and is the father of the following: Gilbert, born January 14, 1903, and Winifred Candace, born April 1, 1906. Mary Ellen, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Reed was born August 7, 1873, and Edith Jane, born September 16, 1876, are both unmarried.

James Ross Reed, the sixth and youngest child, was born February 24, 1880; received a grammar school and a high school education in Erie, and then completed both the literary and medical courses at the University of Michigan. After his graduation as an M. D. he became an interne in a Boston hospital, and next served for a year on the staff of the New York City Eye and Ear Hospital. In October, 1908, Dr. Reed located at Pasadena, California, where he is engaged in practice in partnership with his former college mate, Dr. Roberts.

William Hamilton. In the breadth of his activities and abilities, William Hamilton of Erie represents the strongest type of the English-American; for, although he has but just entered the middle period of life he is a leading factor in the iron industries of this part of the state, is prominent in the commercial field, and has done much in futherance of the public works of Erie and the development of its system of public schools. Mr. Hamilton, who is a native of Hexham, Northumberlandshire, England, was born on the 6th of September, 1865, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Stephenson) Hamilton, also natives of the English county named. In July, 1869, the family emigrated to Canada, but after residing in the Dominion for two years located in Erie. There the father continued his trade as a blacksmith and, in time, became superintendent of the old Erie Car Works. He died in 1891, his widow surviving him.

Mr. Hamilton, of this sketch, was educated in the Erie public schools, learned the trade of a blacksmith and machinist, and in 1889 succeeded his father as superintendent of the Erie Car Works. In December, 1894, with Julius C. Knoll, he purchased the plant, which had recently been destroyed by fire, and thus associated conducted the business until 1898, when it was re-incorporated under the name of Erie Car Works with Mr. Hamilton as president, Mr. Knoll as vice president, J. C. Kuhn as secretary, and C. F. McClenathan as treasurer. Upon the death of the president of the Burry Compressing Company Mr. Hamilton succeeded him as its head, and is now its vice president. He was one of the organizers and first president of the Morse Iron Works and continues to superintend its progress. Mr. Hamilton also served as the second president of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, as well as of the Business Men's Exchange; of the Y. M. C. A., is a director in that body and has served on the directorate of the board of trade. His club connections are with the Kahkwa and Golf clubs; his fraternal relations, with Masons, and his religious affiliations, with the Methodist Episcopal church. Reference has also been made to Mr. Hamilton's prominence in the municipal service. In 1903 he was appointed a member of the city school board to fill an unexpired term, after serving which he was twice elected as a representative from the Sixth ward, his present term expiring in June, 1909. In 1906 he was appointed a member of the Water Works Commission, in which capacity his business and mechanical ability was of great value to that branch of the public service. Mr. Hamilton's wife (nee Charlotte Ehret), who was born at Pleasantville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, is a daughter of Robert and Catherine (Wagner) Ehret. The children of their union are Ruth, Robert, William, Jr., and Catherine Hamilton.

Frank Connell, treasurer of the Skinner Engine Company and a prominent citizen of Erie, is a native of Wooster, Ohio, born September 24, 1855. He was reared in Lancaster, Fairfield county, that state, until he was eighteen years of age, beginning his business career in Pittsburg in 1873. Mr. Connell became a resident of Erie in 1885, when he became treasurer of the Skinner Engine Company, one of the important manufacturing enterprises of the city. He has also been treasurer of the Union Iron Works since its establishment in the early 90's. He is a member of the board of directors of the Second National Bank; and is also identified with the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade.

Charles Lewis Culbertson. The distinction of being the oldest living native son of the village of Edinboro belongs to Charles L. Culbertson, and he was born on the place where he now lives March 7, 1832, a son of John Augustus and Clarissa (Harrison) Culbertson. John A. Culbertson was the first white male child born in this village, he having first seen the light of day in the same house in which his son was born, his natal day being the 26th of March, 1800, and his parents William and Mary Culbertson. They were married at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1794, and coming to Erie county located at what is now Edinboro in 1795. William Culbertson secured and bought one thousand acres of land, and erected the first grist mill and later the first saw mill here, he having operated those mills for many years. To him also belongs the distinction of platting the village and laying out and donating the land for Erie street, a thoroughfare one hundred feet wide, and he also donated the land for the old cemetery in the northern part of the village, and there this patriotic and revered pioneer of Erie county now lies buried with his family, his death occurring on the 11th of November, 1843. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and while serving as a justice of the peace it is said of him that he would often saddle a horse and ride for miles to see his parties and settle their troubles before they were brought for trial before him. He was known for his sterling qualities of honor, and was always ready and willing to help the needy and advance the welfare of his community. He was in politics a Whig and was a member and stanch supporter of the Presbyterian church. His first wife died on the 2d of March, 1802, and was the first person buried in the cemetery which her husband had founded. In January of 1806, he married Miss Margaret Johnston, from Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and she died on the 30th of June, 1820.

John Augustus Culbertson, a son of William and Mary Culbertson, supplemented school attendance with work on his father's farm and in his mill, and when but a lad of sixteen he went to Erie and became apprenticed to the cabinet maker's trade, working seven years for the same man. He spent four years as a journeyman, and then in 1827 he married and returned to Edinboro, his native town, and spent the remainder of his life here, dying on the 16th of March, 1872, being at that time a man of considerable wealth and one of the largest real estate owners of the village. He was a Republican politically, and was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, as was also his devoted wife, whose death occurred on the 16th of October, 1862. Their children were as follows: Harrison, who was born September 25, 1829, and died at the age of eleven years; Charles Lewis, mentioned below; Johnson, born October 27, 1834, is deceased; Porter, born March 1, 1837, is also deceased; Emily, born March 24, 1840, married John Proudfit, and resides in Edinboro; and Edwin, born March 11, 1843, also resides in Edinboro.

Charles Lewis Culbertson after attending the schools of his native village learned and followed the carpenter's trade until he was twenty-one. During two terms thereafter he attended the academy at Girard, Pennsylvania, and then returning to Edinboro has since resided here. After following his trade for a time he turned his attention to butchering, later took up farming and then resumed work at the carpenter's trade. He has been very successful as a carpenter, and he erected the first building on Meadville street, the lower floor of which he used as a shop and the upper as a public hall. During his identification with the carpenter's trade he has built and sold about twenty-six houses in Edinboro, and has

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also erected and sold about five houses in the city of Erie. The site of his present residence was in the early days the location of the first frame building in Edinboro, and it was used for both school and church purposes.

Mr. Culbertson married on the 31st of May, 1859, Miss Martha M. Proudfit, a daughter of Andrew Proudfit, and their children are as follows: Clarabelle, who married Frank Pulling, of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, and their two children are Charles and Louisa; Mabel, who married Charles Dundon, of Edinboro, and they have four children, Helen Lewis, Lynn and Roscoe; Agnes, a bookkeeper in the Edinboro Savings Bank; H. E., a resident of Edinboro and one term postmaster, now a land agent; was educated in Edinboro Normal; Elizabeth, whose home is in Lewistown, Pennsylvania; and Andrew Augustus, a resident of Erie, the president of the Culbertson Coal Company, who married Miss Anna Reeder, a daughter of I. R. Reeder. Mr. Culbertson, the father, votes with the Democratic party, and he has served as a councilman of his village. Both he and his wife are honored members of the Presbyterian church.

Hon. Milton W. Shreve, of Erie, an able member of the bar of Pennsylvania, a prominent Republican of the state and now serving his second term as a member of its house of representatives, is a native of Crawford county, that state, born May 3, 1858. He is a son of the late Rev. Cyrus and Florella (Nourse) Shreve, his father being a faithful and beloved Baptist clergyman of Crawford county and vicinity for a period of more than half a century. This revered disciple of Christ and tireless promoter of his cause was a native of Bloomfield township, of the county named, born July 23, 1825. He was a grandson of Richard and Margaret Shreve and descended, more remotely, from the English nobility. In 1798 the great-grandparents named came from Burlington, New Jersey, and settled at the head of Oil Creek lake (now Lake Canadohta). Their son Israel, the grandfather of Milton W., was born in 1794 and married Elizabeth Bloomfield, daughter of Thomas Bloomfield—a companion of Richard Shreve, a Revolutionary soldier and such a prominent man generally that Bloomfield township was named in his honor. Israel Shreve died in 1866 and his wife in 1880, and eight children were born to them, of whom only one (Thomas B. Shreve, of Bloomfield) is now alive.

Aside from the groundwork of an education laid in the district schools of Crawford county, Cyrus Shreve obtained his mental training through his own exertions, and his culture and profound influence over men and women from the book of life. His power was that obtained by all simple, direct, disinterested souls, who are alive to the needs, sufferings and longings of others, and who, in their endeavors to assist and comfort, took no thought of self or personal progress. That such characters are revered by all is the greatest possible tribute to Christianity itself. Mr. Shreve modestly recognized his call to the ministry at an early age, and by self-instruction and prayerful thought had attained wide scholarship and deep spiritual insight at the reaching of early manhood. In the fall of 1851, when twenty-six years of age, he preached his first sermon, and two years later assumed his first pastorate as a Baptist clergyman, his charges being at Bloomfield and Rockdale. On September 10, 1853, he was ordained to the ministry, and the two years of his pastorate at the places mentioned were fertile of spiritual results. Although he resigned his charge in 1854, he soon returned to Bloom-

field, and in 1855 was instrumental in erecting the church which stands there today. In 1857 he resigned his pastorate at Bloomfield, for six years was in charge of the churches at Chapmanville and Cherrytree, and then, because of ill health, withdrew from his ministerial labors and resided for a time on his farm in Bloomfield. With fully recovered health he returned to the ministry with renewed zeal, and was thus engaged at various points until a comparatively late period in his life. His last charge, of nine years, was at Centerville, and he finally retired from the Christian field, on account of enfeebled health, to his own deep regret and the real sorrow of the many whose inspiration and comfort he had been for many years. On January 1, 1856, Rev. Cyrus Shreve was married to Miss Florella Nourse, whose parents were natives of Vermont. Their two sons, Hon. Milton W. and Dr. O. M. Shreve, were both born at Cherrytree, Pennsylvania. The father passed peacefully away at his old home in Bloomfield, July 3, 1908, and although he had then nearly reached his eighty-third birthday his entire life, with the exception of the last few years, had been marked by continuous physical and mental vigor; then it faded away as the result of no chronic and wearing ailment but from the weakening effects of an acute attack of the grip. The deceased will long be remembered as the father of the Oil Creek Baptist association, but longer still as a wise and sympathetic personal counselor and a gentle guide toward the spiritual heights.

Milton W. Shreve obtained his preparatory education at the Edinboro State Normal, for two years afterward was a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, and finally graduated from the Bucknell University in 1884. He read law, was admitted to both the state and the United States courts, and has since been a prominent figure in both legal and public affairs. His practice, which of late years has been largely in business and corporate channels, has brought him financial interests in various financial and industrial concerns. He is a director in the People's Bank of Erie and in several manufactories, and has an active membership in the Erie Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, and the Country and Shrine clubs. In Masonry he is past eminent commander of Mount Olivet Commandery, K. T., and past potentate of Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Shreve's chief public record covers the past ten years. In 1899 he was elected district attorney of Erie county, and in 1900 served as chairman of the Republican county committee. He was first elected to the Pennsylvania house of representatives in 1906; was re-elected in 1908, and has served during both sessions as a member of the committee on appropriations, in 1909 being honored by being chosen as chairman of the committee on mines and mining.

Judson E. Turner. During many years Judson E. Turner has been identified with the agricultural interests of Greene township in Erie county, and he is numbered among the progressive business men and public spirited citizens of his community. He was born in Wayne township of Erie county July 22, 1861, a son of Byron Turner, who is mentioned more at length in the sketch of his son Daniel Deville, elsewhere in this work. After receiving a good education in the public schools of Wayne township Judson E. Turner learned the cheese maker's trade and followed that occupation for four years in Greene township. He spent four years in New York state and returning to Erie county, Pennsylvania, he purchased in 1887 fifty acres of his present homestead in Greene township, and with

the passing years he has not only improved his land but has added to his possessions twenty-five acres more and follows general farming and dairying.

Mr. Turner married in 1881 Miss Flora Johnson, who received her education in the public schools of Wayne township, Erie county. Her parents, William and Sarah (Morton) Johnson, of Syracuse, New York, came to Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1866. They bought eighty-one acres of land there, and were prominent farmers of that township until their death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Turner have been born the following children: Edith R., Roscoe C., Josalyn S. and William Byron. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are members of the Grange, in Greene township and Mr. Turner and his son Roscoe are also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 574 at Phillipsville, while Mrs. Turner and their daughter Edith are members of its auxiliary, the Rebekahs. Mr. Turner has been elected D. D. G. M. of Erie county, second district of the county, and he has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge. Mrs. Turner is N. G. of the Rebekahs and the daughter is treasurer of the lodge. Mr. Turner was treasurer of the order for ten years. He is a true blue Republican.

Charles Bartholomew Lorenz, commissioner of Erie county and ex-president of the select council of the city, is one of the most prominent Democrats of the locality. He is a native of South Erie, born April 9, 1857, and is a son of Emanuel and Appolonia (Kasper) Lorenz, both natives of Bavaria, Germany, who came to Erie in 1847, being married in that city during the following year. In his early life the father was a printer in an oil cloth manufactory. He died at Erie, April 2, 1876, his widow passing away in 1894, both as loyal members of the Roman Catholic church.

Charles B., of this sketch, received rather an incomplete education in the parochical and public schools of Erie, as in 1869, when only twelve years of age, he commenced work as a clerk in a butcher shop. This he followed until 1880 when he established his own business and before many years had accumulated quite a large property holding. He has not only made rapid and substantial progress as a business man but has obtained wide influence as a Democratic leader and a public man. From 1898 to 1902 he served as a member of the select council of Erie, being president of that body in the latter year, and from 1899 to 1902 he was also honored with the presidency of the board of tax revision. In 1905 he became a member of the board of county commissioners and was re-elected by a flattering majority in 1908.

Mr. Lorenz was married in 1884 to Miss Elizabeth Leslie, a native of Waterford township, Erie county, and daughter of Cochran Leslie. They have become the parents of the following children: Henry Leslie, born October 1, 1884, and died November 5, 1885, and Margaret, born July 24, 1887.

Henry V. Claus. Among the strong and honored figures in the business and civic circles of the city of Erie that of Henry V. Claus stood prominently forth, as he gained a definite success in his chosen field of endeavor, was loyal and public-spirited as a citizen, and so ordered his life as to retain the unequivocal esteem of the community which so long represented his home, and in which his personal popularity was based on his generous, kindly and honorable character. He was the architect of

his own fortune and he used his forces not alone for self-advancement but also for the helping of others who were less fortunate. He died on the 11th of September, 1893, and his memory is cherished by the many friends whom he had "grappled to his heart with hooks of steel."

Henry V. Claus was born at Hamen, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, on the 6th of November, 1840, and was a son of John and Hedwig (Kueshner) Claus, representatives of stanch old families of that section of the German empire. John Claus was a man of excellent intellectual attainments and was a successful teacher in the schools of his native land. In 1852 he came with his family to America and both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives in Pennsylvania, where he continued to follow the pedagogic profession in connection with other avocations. Henry V. Claus secured his early educational discipline in his fatherland and was about twelve years of age at the time of the family removal to the United States. The parents located in Erie county, and here he was reared to manhood. As a boy he was employed on a farm in this county for a time, and he then came to the city of Erie, where for six years he was a clerk in the grocery store of the late Philip A. Becker. In this connection he gained valuable experience and well fortified himself for the attaining of success in his independent operations along similar lines in later years. After leaving the employ of Mr. Becker he was similarly engaged for one year in the store of F. L. Siegel, and then, in 1863, he initiated his independent career, which was destined to be one of marked success. He opened a grocery and liquor store at the corner of French and Fifth streets, and thereafter he continued to be identified with the business interests of the city until his death. His loyalty to his adopted country, however, was such that in the early part of the year 1865 he placed his business in charge of others and tendered his services in defense of the Union. He enlisted in Company K, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and with this command he served until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge.

Upon his return to his home in Erie Mr. Claus resumed charge of his business, to which he gave his undivided attention. His popularity and resourcefulness caused the enterprise to expand in scope as the years passed, and he finally found his original store inadequate to accommodate his large and substantial trade. He accordingly purchased one of the old foundry buildings on State street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, and by putting in a modern front and otherwise remodeling the building he made it especially eligible for the uses of his business, which was here confined to the handling of liquors and tobaccos at wholesale. He continued his original retail store on French street, as a branch of the new headquarters, until 1887, when he sold the property and business to Charles B. Wuenchel, and thereafter gave his undivided attention to his extensive wholesale business until he was summoned from the scene of life's endeavors. He gained success by worthy means and ever held the confidence and respect of all with whom he had dealings. He was one of the best known of the German-American citizens of Erie, and his popularity was measured only by the circle of his acquaintances. He was prominent in musical circles and was for many years one of the leading members of the Liedertafel Society. He was also affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Knights of Honor, the Royal Arcanum and other social and fraternal organizations. His political support was given to the Republican party. He was generous, kindly and public-spirited, and his integrity was of inviolable

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order. Liberal and charitable, he did much for others, invariably in an unostentatious way, and his memory will long be revered by those to whom he has shown the helpfulness of true friendship.

In the year 1870 Mr. Claus was united in marriage to Miss Franzeska Curtze, daughter of the late Frederic Curtze, Esq., of Erie, and of this union were born four children, namely: Frederick, deceased; Adolph, who is secretary and treasurer of the Globe Iron Works and treasurer of the Heisler Locomotive Works; Anna, who is the wife of Charles A. Mertens, a representative attorney of Erie; and Herman, who died at the age of nine years.

George Dawson Reavley. It was within the province of the late George D. Reavley to have wielded a large and beneficent influence in the commercial, civic and social affairs of the city of Erie, and he was exponent of that high type of manhood which ever stands indicatory of usefulness and subjective honor. He impressed his strong individuality upon the community in which he so long maintained his home and in which he was held in unqualified esteem, and it is fitting that this publication accord to him a tribute of perpetual appreciation as one of the representative citizens and business men of Erie county.

George Dawson Reavley was born near Alnwick, Northumberland, England, on the 13th of August, 1841, and was a son of John and Isabel Reavley, who passed their entire lives in England. The subject of this memoir received excellent educational advantages in his youth, and in his native land he also learned the profession of druggist, to which he there devoted his attention until 1861, when, at the age of twenty years, he came to the United States, where he found employment in the vocation to which he had been trained. The land of his adoption must have soon appealed to this loyalty, for as the Civil war progressed he found himself entering a responsive protest, which culminated in his enlistment in the Union service in January, 1864. He was assigned to duty on the United States steamship "Curlew," of the Gulf squadron, and in this connection was in active service during the later part of the great conflict between the North and the South. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war, and thereafter he was confined to the hospital for several months, his illness having resulted from exposure endured during his service for the Union. Finally, with the hope of recuperating his physical energies, he returned to his native land, where he passed about a year at the parental home. He then returned to America and located at Youngsville, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the drug business until 1874, in February of which year he took up his residence in Erie, with whose interests he was destined thereafter to remain closely identified during the remainder of his long and useful life.

Soon after his arrival in Erie Mr. Reavley established a large and finely equipped retail drug store on Parade street, and there he built up a trade that was essentially representative in character and of large extent. His honorable business methods and the courtesy shown to all patrons had the effect, coupled with the effective service accorded, of making his fine establishment one of the most popular in the city, and he continued to give his personal supervision to the enterprise until 1902, when he practically retired from active business associations. Mr. Reavley did much to further the material upbuilding and advancement of Erie, where he became the owner of much valuable realty, upon

which he made the best type of improvements. In 1890 he erected the first three-story brick building to be put up on Parade street, and the same is known as the Reavley block. This is still owned by his estate. In 1900 he erected the beautiful and commodious family residence, at 522 East Sixth street, where his widow still maintains her home.

In 1894 Mr. Reavley and his wife made a trip abroad being absent for a period of four months, within which they visited his old home in England and also made a comprehensive and interesting tour of the European continent.

As a citizen Mr. Reavley was essentially loyal and public-spirited, taking a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of his home city and lending his support to worthy measures advanced for the general good of the community. He was a man of most gracious personality and had a wide acquaintanceship in Erie county, where he ever commanded the high regard of all who knew him. In politics he gave his allegiance to the Republican party, though he never sought or desired official preferment of any description. He was a supporter and attendant of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Reavley is a zealous and valued member. In a fraternal way he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sons of St. George, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His death occurred on the 6th of June, 1903, and the people of Erie felt a sense of personal bereavement in the loss of this honored citizen and representative business man.

In 1873 Mr. Reavley was united in marriage to Miss Emma McKinney, of Youngsville, this state, and she was summoned to the life eternal in 1877, being survived by one daughter, Mabel Isabel, who is now the wife of Willis D. Hudson, of Erie. On the 21st of October, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Reavley to Mrs. Jennie (Carlin) Zurn, widow of George Zurn, whose death occurred in 1876, and who left two children,—May Dorothy, who is now the wife of Benjamin F. Sieger, of Erie, and Otto, who died at the age of seven years. Mrs. Reavley was born July 5, 1847, in Chautauqua county, New York, and is a daughter of Henry and Angeline (Dibble) Carlin, the former of whom was born at Westfield, New York, and the latter in the state of Ohio.

Mrs. Reavley is specially prominent in the social and fraternal affairs of her home city and state. She is identified with the Daughters of Rebekah, an adjunct of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been specially active and popular in connection with the interests of the Woman's Relief Corps. In 1888-9 she was president of the Pennsylvania state organization of this splendid auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in 1887 she was the third to be called to the presidency of the Strong-Vincent Relief Corps, the local organization in the city of Erie, and was again elected to that office in 1909. Of this body she has served continuously as treasurer for a period of fifteen years. She was identified with the organization of the Erie Bureau of Charities, now known as the Associated Charities, and has been active in its work for a long period of years, during nearly twelve of which she was treasurer of the organization,—an office from which she finally retired in October, 1908. She is a zealous and devoted member of the First Presbyterian church, and in the same is president of the Pastor's Aid Society.

Justin Arthur Robison has attained his official majority by having served, for more than twenty-one years, as clerk to the board of commissioners of Erie county, and in point of continuous official work is the Nestor of Erie. The total years of his life, however, by no means make him a venerable representative of the county officers, as he was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of October, 1844. His grandfather was a native of Ireland, who became a pioneer farmer of that county, owner of a 400-acre farm and also a leading citizen of Cherry Tree township. At his death the son, Alexander, inherited one hundred acres of the family homestead, and followed farming on this division of the old place all his life. He married Miss Catherine Graham Irwin and both died on the old farm.

It was there also that the son, Justin A., was reared, and in that locality that he received a district school education. His earlier years were spent in agricultural pursuits and afterward, as a young man, he was engaged in the oil fields of Venango county and in the manufacture of staves in western New York. He then located in Albion, Erie county, as clerk in a general store whose proprietor was also the postmaster of the place. Upon the death of his mercantile superior Mr. Robison succeeded him as postmaster, holding the office with much credit for eleven years. One of his predominating traits seems surely to be steadfastness of purpose, for he passed from the postmastership of Albion to his present position, to which he was appointed January 1, 1890. These facts require no formal comment as to unusual efficiency of service and honorable and substantial personal character. Mr. Robison's wife was Miss Martha A. Logan, of Albion, whose father was one of the best known practicing physicians of Erie county. The greatest sorrow of their lives is the death of their only daughter and child, Ada M. Robison, who passed away in 1896, at the age of twenty-one years.

Thomas Pickering, one of the old and well known citizens of Erie, was born at East Islington, Yorkshire, England, June 27, 1845, the son of Harland and Elizabeth (Day) Pickering. The family came to Canada in 1848, locating in Trafalgar township, Ontario, where Harland, the father followed farming. He died in 1874, and his widow in 1883. Thomas Pickering located in Erie in 1866, but shortly afterwards went to the oil region of Pennsylvania, where he spent several years. In 1873 he returned to Erie and engaged in the livery business on West Eighteenth street, between State and Peach, and in 1885, removed to his present stand at Nos. 145-147 on that street, where he has one of the largest and best establishments of the kind in the city.

Mr. Pickering has been very prominent in municipal affairs, as will be seen by the brief record which follows: He was a member of the select city council in 1887-8 and 1894-7, serving as its president during the last year. In 1896-8, he was a member and president of the board of review of taxes and appeals, and he also served on the board of education for several years. Mr. Pickering was married January 12, 1874, to Katherine, the daughter of Anton Knoll, an early business man of Erie.

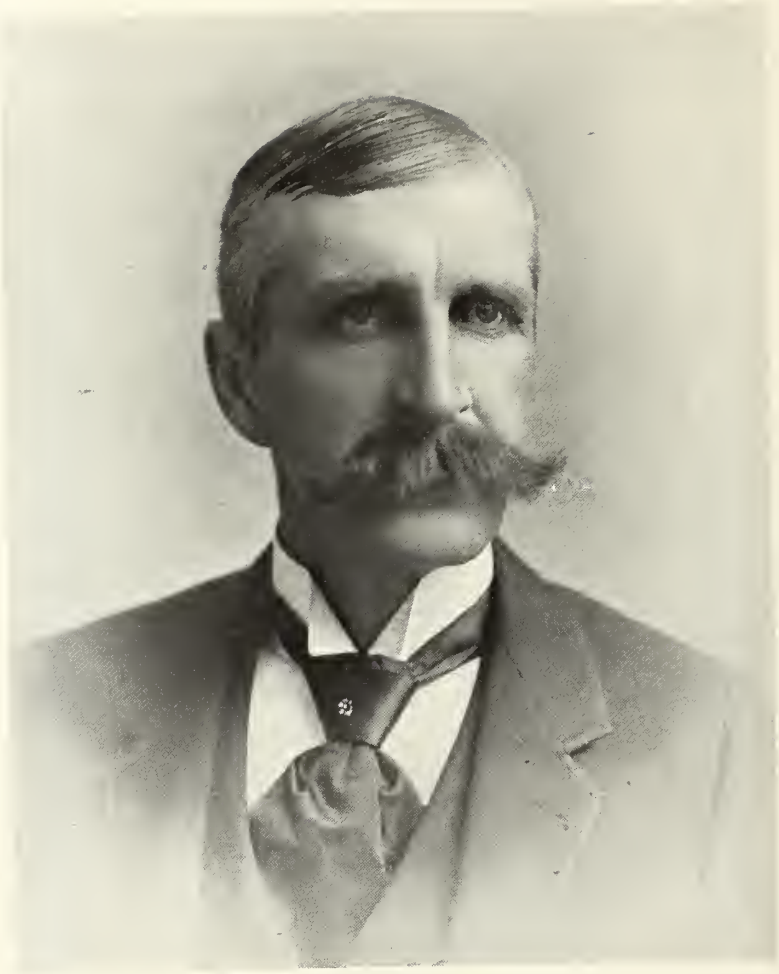
John N. Sapper. One of the leading business men and citizens of public influence residing in Erie, John N. Sapper is also a German-American, born in the Second ward of the city, on the 16th of November,

1848. His parents, Veit and Anna Dora (Kroph) Sapper, were natives of Germany—the former of whom was born in 1821 and died in 1889, and the latter, born in 1827 and died in 1881 respectively. In 1848, in the year of John's birth, which also marked the revolution when so many young men emigrated from the fatherland to the United States, the father came direct to Erie, making the entire journey by water. Although master of the stone mason's trade, when he located in that city he entered the employ of Lester, Sennett and Chester, and later became identified with Barr and Johnson. The latter firm was merged into the Germer Stove Works, with which Mr. Sapper was connected for thirty-five years continuously. Both he and his wife were devout Lutherans. Ten children were born to them—John N., Adam, Elizabeth, Margaret (deceased), George, Kate (deceased), Anna, William, Dora, and Frank C. (deceased).

John N. Sapper, the oldest child of this family, attended the public schools of Erie until he was thirteen years of age, and from that time until he was sixteen was employed in the foundry. He then mastered the tinner's trade, and was employed by one house for twenty-five years, his identification with the business commencing when the firm was Barr and Johnson and concluding under the Germer Stove works. In 1887 he became a member of the firm of Mehl and Sapper, hardware dealers at No 1114 State street, and since that time has been engaged in a large and growing business at that location. He is an active member of the Erie Board of Trade, and in his civic relations to the city has shown special interest and attained prominence in the educational affairs of the municipality. In June, 1901, he was elected to the Erie school board, and has been a member of that body ever since, serving as its president in 1906. He belongs to the order of Elks, and is an earnest worker in the religious and charitable activities of St. John's Lutheran church, of which he once served as secretary of the board of trustees and with which his wife is also identified. Mrs. Sapper was formerly Miss Minnie Miller, daughter of F. W. Miller, of Erie, and she is the mother of one child, Frederick William Sapper. The latter was formerly connected with the Marine National Bank of Erie, and is now treasurer of the Federal Manufacturing Company. He married Miss Zella, daughter of N. A. Watson, of Erie, and to them has been born a son, Frederick William.

Albert MacDonald. It is characteristic of the thrifty and common-sense traits of the old Scotch family of which Albert MacDonald is a representative that three generations in this country have founded their family comforts and based their substantial careers on a special form of industry. Albert, the representative of the present generation, is now superintendent of the Metric Metal Works of Erie. He was born at Albany, New York, on May 11, 1875, and is the son of William and Elida (Pangborn) MacDonald, also natives of that city. The grandfather came from Inverness, Scotland, to Albany in 1849, and there established a manufactory of gas meters. The father has always been engaged in the same line and is still active. The mother died in 1890.

Albert MacDonald reached the period of his youth in Albany, in whose common and high schools he was first educated. He then took a preparatory course at the Steven's School, Hoboken, New Jersey, and then entered the institute proper. While a senior in that institution, he left to accept his present position. Mr. MacDonald is widely



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known in his special line of manufacture, and is a member of the American Gas Institute, American Brass Foundrymen's Association, American Foundrymen's Association and the Canadian Gas Association, and is a director in the Erie Engine Works and in the Erie Gas Company. He also belongs to the Erie and Kahkwa clubs. Before her marriage his wife was known as Miss Louanna Hardwick, daughter of Hon. William Hardwick, of Erie.

GEORGE W. BLAINE, connected with various business enterprises which he has successfully conducted, is numbered among the representative citizens of Erie county, in that his business affairs have always been of a character that have contributed to general prosperity as well as to individual success. A native of North East, Pennsylvania, he was born on the 6th of March, 1849, of the marriage of A. W. and Sarah A. (Platt) Blaine, also natives of North East. His paternal grandfather, James Blaine, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, while his maternal grandfather, Jeremiah Platt, was a native of Connecticut. Both became residents of North East township about 1800 and purchased land from the Holland Land Company. The tract was all covered with timber, which it was necessary to clear away before they could plow and cultivate the fields. Both were active in the substantial development and improvement of that section and both were equally strong in advocacy of Republican principles. George W. Blaine is a cousin of Hon. James G. Blaine, the "Plumed Knight" and the lineage is in direct line in the Blaine family.

Reared in the place of their nativity, A. W. Blaine and Sarah A. Platt were married in North East and were prominent and well-known residents there. The father was actively and successfully engaged in the banking business for a number of years. In 1864 he organized the First National Bank in association with Amos Gould, John McCord and William Griffith and was elected its first cashier, in which capacity he controlled its interests and made it one of the substantial financial institutions of that locality. He also did much toward shaping the public policy of that district, his ability and fitness for leadership resulting in his selection for various offices. For sometime he filled the position of justice of the peace and three times he was called upon to represent his district in the general assembly, during which time he was connected with much important constructive legislation, while to each question which came up for settlement he gave earnest and thoughtful consideration, casting the weight of his influence on the side that he believed would further the best interests of the commonwealth. He died January 10, 1879, having for twelve years survived his wife, who passed away in May, 1867. Their children were: Alice E., now the wife of Colonel W. A. Robinson, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; George W.; and Mary R., the wife of Joseph T. McCord, of North East, Pennsylvania.

Reared under the parental roof, George W. Blaine acquired his education in the public schools, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. In 1870, when twenty-one years of age, he began business on his own account as proprietor of a grocery store but a year later he sold out and went upon his father's farm, which he rented until the father's death. He then purchased the place, which he still conducts as a vineyard, it being now within the city limits and comprising a tract of rich land of fifty acres. As the years

have gone by Mr. Blaine has also extended his efforts into other fields of activity. He was for a time engaged in the sawmill and lumber business with A. I. Loop and a year later became connected with A. M. Backus in the same line, that association being maintained for two years. He then severed his business relations with Mr. Backus and in 1893 turned his attention to banking, joining with several other leading business men in organizing the First National Bank of North East. He was elected its president, with Robert Dill as vice-president and B. C. Spooner as cashier. In the control of this enterprise he has displayed keen discernment, his efforts being an important factor in its successful conduct. In 1893 he also purchased a gristmill from the Haywood Estate and established a coalyard. In 1903, in connection with G. N. Mackay and J. E. Lee, he purchased the Scouller mill, and this firm also handles coal and other commodities. Mr. Blaine is now the president of the Blaine, Mackay & Lee Company and the firm is enjoying continuous and growing success in the lines along which they are operating. In 1896, in connection with W. J. Town and Charles S. Moses, Mr. Blaine purchased the plant of the North East Cider Works, which they converted into a vinegar factory with a capacity of from ten to twelve thousand barrels per year. This company was incorporated with Mr. Blaine as president and the business is now one of the important productive industries of the town. In 1906 Mr. Blaine became owner of the American Beauty Stove Works, with W. E. Jorden as partner and manager, Mr. Blaine retaining the presidency. It will thus be seen that his interests are varied and in the community where he resides he is known as a successful business man who carefully formulates his plans and is determined in their execution. He allows no obstacles or difficulties to bar his path if they can be overcome by persistent and earnest effort and his activity has carried him into important public relations. In addition to his other interests he is president of the board of trustees of the North East cemetery, he is a director of the Mutual Telephone Company and is the owner of over three hundred acres of valuable farm land, over eighty acres of which is planted to grapes.

On the 25th of September, 1872, Mr. Blaine was married to Miss Anna M. Hampson, who was born in North East township and is a daughter of James and Matilda M. (Porter) Hampson. Their only child, Ruth M., born September 8, 1877, died in February, 1879. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Blaine has filled all of the offices and he takes a prominent part in the church of his choice. In 1901 "The Centennial Commemoration of the Founding of the First Presbyterian Church of North East, Pennsylvania" was published and Mr. Blaine was the prime factor in its publication. It is a volume of 282 pages, illustrated with halftone engravings of the first churches of the society and the ministers. This book is well written and of great historical value to the North East Presbyterian Society. Mr. Blaine's political allegiance is given to the Republican party and for thirteen years he has served as a member of the city council, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity, his efforts being practical factors in promoting the city's upbuilding. He has also been and is the treasurer of North East and without invidious distinction he may be termed one of the foremost citizens of the town. His entire life has here been passed and through the period of his manhood he has been closely associated with its material, intellectual, political and moral progress. He stands as a splendid type of the progressive American citizen

who realizes and meets his obligations to the community and in business affairs holds to high standards, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen but winning his success in the legitimate lines of trade.

Charles B. Wuenschel is a well known and prominent business man of Erie, and a leading member of the city school board. He is a native son of Erie, having been born there in 1858, the son of Simon and Elizabeth (Heidt) Wuenschel, both natives of Bavaria, Germany. Simon Wuenschel was a cooper by trade and came to the United States and to Erie in 1847, being there engaged in business as agent for a large oil cloth manufactory. He died in 1870, and his wife in 1898.

Mr. Wuenschel of this sketch, was educated in the Erie public schools, and began practical life as a clerk in the shoe store of Joseph P. Eichenlob, where he continued for eight years. He then entered the employ of the late H. V. Claus, and had charge of the French and Fourth street branch of that gentleman's State street business, until 1887, when he succeeded to the entire business and has since successfully conducted the enterprise. For many years Mr. Wuenschel has been closely identified with the public school system of Erie, and for sixteen consecutive years has been a member of the school board, having served both as secretary and president of that body. He was first elected in 1892, and has since been chosen for six different terms, three times without opposition. In 1894-5, he served as secretary, and in 1906, as president of the board and during his term of service, many great improvements have been made in the public school system. During the above period, school buildings numbers 10, 12, 13 and 16 were enlarged, numbers 2, 4, 6, 14, 17 and 18 erected, and the city high school completely remodelled.

In 1879 Mr. Wuenschel married Maggie B., the daughter of J. T. Sevin. For nine years before her marriage, Mr. Wuenschel's wife was a teacher in the public schools of Erie. Two children have been born of this union; Flora E., who died in 1902, at the age of twenty-two years, and Charlotte M., who resides with her parents.

Charles H. English, who is a prominent young member of the Erie county bar and also a local leader of the Democracy, was born in the First ward of the city, on October 30, 1883. He is a son of Michael M. and Maria (Sheridan) English, highly respected citizens of Erie. His father was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1847, and his mother is a native of Ireland, born in the following year, their marriage occurring at Lockport, New York. In 1878 they settled in Erie, where Michael English has long been a construction engineer identified with railroad construction.

Charles H. English, of this sketch, acquired his preliminary education at St. Patrick's parochial school and later attended the Erie high school, from which he graduated in 1902. Being thus prepared for a university course, he entered Georgetown College, from whose law department he graduated in 1906, having also pursued his professional studies in the office of C. L. Baker, of Erie. He was admitted to the bar June 27, 1907; in that year began the practice of his profession, and February 1, 1908, became associated with Francis F. Nagorski to form the firm of Nagorski and English. The partnership business is increasing at an encouraging rate, and Mr. English is becoming well known both as an able and progressive attorney and a forceful element

in local Democratic affairs. In 1908 he was chosen chairman of the Erie County Democratic Committee and is still engaged in the energetic and satisfactory discharge of his official duties in that connection. Mr. English is also popular in fraternal society circles, being a Grand Knight of the Erie Council, Knights of Columbus, and a director in the Marquette Club, as well as of the Marquette Building and Loan Association.

Philip W. Dietly. A city acquires high standing in any branch of industry or commerce by reason of the quality and originality of its manufactures and business methods, as well as because of the bulk of transactions in a particular line. Originality and enterprise are always at a premium in the markets of the world, however great a value it may place upon efficiency and skill. Now, the city of Erie is obtaining—has obtained— a fine name as a center of iron manufactures; as a leading headquarters in the production of powerful and complicated mechanisms used in the operation and building of railroads and the general development of commerce and municipalities. One of the prime reasons for this standing is that it has produced such men as Philip W. Dietly, proprietor of the Erie Machine Shop, who is not only a master of his craft but has original ideas in mechanics which he has put into practical execution and actual forms of working iron. His establishment was the second machine shop in the United States to build steam rollers, which, as much as any one agency, have advanced the "good road" movement and the stability and beautifying of city thoroughfares and pleasure grounds. The great asphalt mixers, which every lover of ingenuity and power, as well as economy of labor, has paused to admire in the progress of street construction—this fine useful piece of mechanism is especially Mr. Dietly's favorite child, as it was he who erected one of the first asphalt plant (whose central feature is the mixer) in the city of Erie. The paving roller and the asphalt mixer are now the main specialties of his machine shop, which is the largest individual establishment of the kind in the city.

Mr. Dietly is a native of Erie, born on the 26th of September, 1861, and is a son of the late Uras J. and Caroline (Reasir) Dietly, natives respectively of Switzerland and Germany. They both emigrated to Erie in 1853, where the father followed his trade as a tailor until his death November 4, 1874, at the age of fifty-three years and seven months. The mother was born June 20, 1833, and died in Erie, March 9, 1897. The son first obtained a public school education and then served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in the old Humbolt Iron Works. He steadily worked at the bench for about ten years; then was an engineer on the Anchor line of lake steamers for four years, and then engaged in the retail oil business by establishing the first "route" in the city.

Mr. Dietly's career as an individual iron manufacturer dates from 1885, when he established the Erie Machine Shop at the corner of Twelfth and State streets. He continued at that location until 1894, when he completed the substantial brick building which is now his plant, at the southeast corner of Thirteenth and Peach streets. He is also at the head of two other leading industries of Erie, the Volcanic Torch Manufacturing Company and the Wayne Brewing Company, and is also otherwise interested in various business enterprises. As a public citizen he has been prominent for a number of years, and since 1905 has been an active member of the city school board. As he is a thirty-second

degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, he is a member of the local Shrine Club, and is also identified with the Elks and the Country Club. On the 22d of October, 1891, Mr. Dietly wedded Miss Mary E. Milks, daughter of Albert and Deborah (Fogg) Milks. She was born at Cranesville, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1861. Her mother is deceased, while her father lives with her in Erie. The children of the household are four, as follows: Hazel S., born December 2, 1892; Uras A., born May 18, 1894; Philip W., born February 3, 1897; and Mary E., born March 16, 1900.

George F. Diehl, one of the prominent of the younger citizens and business men of Erie and president of the Colby Piano Company, has as one of his strongly marked characteristics a determination that enables him to persevere in the pursuit of a persistent purpose. Moreover his plans are always well formulated and are the result of careful consideration of the possibilities of every business situation. One of Erie's native sons, his birth occurred in the Fourth ward of this city, February 8, 1861, his parents being Fred and Barbara C. (Doll) Diehl, well known German-American residents of Erie. The father was born in the Rhine province of Prussia, November 15, 1834, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Mehl) Diehl, who were also natives of Prussia, where they spent their entire lives. Fred Diehl, father of our subject, came to America in 1851 and, locating first at Buffalo, there completed the trade of shoemaking in the employ of an uncle. In 1853 he came to Erie and was in the employ of Conrad Doll until 1860, when he engaged in the boot and shoe business on his own account. For thirty-eight years thereafter he was closely associated with the commercial interests of the city, conducting a successful and growing business until 1898, when he retired from active commercial lines, having in the meantime acquired a handsome competence sufficient to supply him with all the necessities and many of the comforts and luxuries of life. His wife was born in Germany, April 30, 1836, and when only a year old was brought to America by her parents. Her father, Casper Doll, was a son of Casper Doll, Sr. The family were among the pioneer German residents of Erie and this part of the state and were prominent here for many years. During the long period of his residence here Fred Diehl was actively interested in community affairs and in 1883 was called by his fellow townsmen to the office of member of the common council, serving for two years. Unto him and his wife were born three children: George F.; John C., who is now principal of the high school of Erie; Minnie M., the wife of Edward W. Horn, now of Cleveland.

George F. Diehl acquired his education in the city schools of Erie and after completing his course was engaged in several lines of business prior to 1893, when he became connected with the Colby Piano Company as an employe in the office. Mr. Diehl reorganized the company in 1900 and was made president and general manager of the new concern, which is now one of the city's important manufacturing industries. The business is carefully organized, is systematically managed in its various departments and, studying to produce the best results at a minimum expenditure of time and labor—which is the basis of all success—the officers of this company have made it a profitable concern and one of the leading features in the industrial circles of the city.

Mr. Diehl was united in marriage to Miss Anna Smith, of Erie, a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Smith Beckman. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl are

prominent in the social circles of the city and are consistent members of the Salem Evangelical church. His membership relations also extend to the Blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery of the Masonic fraternity and to the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Country Club and of the Chamber of Commerce and in association with the last named is active in affairs for the promotion of the city's welfare and upbuilding, giving earnest co-operation to all movements for the public good.

Augustus B. Felgemaker. Blessed with the love for music, the late Augustus B. Felgemaker was also endowed with mechanical genius and the typical perseverance of his race. The grand result of his life was, therefore, that in his early youth he consecrated his abilities to the work of practically perfecting and creating one of the most magnificent forms through which the vast harmonies and soul of music are expressed. After applying his powers of invention and his genius for hard labor and business promotion, Mr. Felgemaker developed the first portable pipe organ in the world. Even prior to his death, October 16, 1905, he had established one of the largest church organ manufactories in the country. He had become known not only throughout the United States, but abroad, as one of the leading organ builders of the world. The concern was incorporated as the A. B. Felgemaker Organ Company in 1904, and so firmly was it established that even since the death of its founder it has prospered to an unparalleled extent.

A conclusive test of its remarkable stability was the long business panic or depression of 1907-8, during which it enjoyed the distinction of being the only manufactory of Erie which continued in operation on full force. For years the plant has confined itself to the construction of church organs and fully one thousand religious edifices have housed its products within their walls, with pride for the manufacture and high honor for the manufacturer.

Augustus B. Felgemaker, founder of this great establishment, was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 16th of July, 1836, and is a son of Dr. Joseph and Caroline (Benning) Felgemaker, both natives of the Netherlands. The father, who was a graduate of the medical department of Heidelberg University, practiced his profession for a time both in Holland and Germany. Emigrating to the United States in 1840, he located at Buffalo, New York, where he continued in professional work and, with his wife, passed his last years. The son received his education in the Buffalo public schools, and while yet a boy showed decided talent and mechanical gifts. Moreover, he early chose organ building as a trade and business, and while still a youth invented and patented the first portable pipe organ ever made. In 1865 he began the manufacture of organs under his own patents in Buffalo, under the firm name of Derrick and Felgemaker. In 1872 the business was located in Erie, and in 1875, by the retirement of Mr. Derrick, it commenced to be conducted as the A. B. Felgemaker Pipe Organ Company, with Mr. Felgemaker as its sole proprietor until his death thirty years later. The deceased was not only widely known as the head of one of the leading industries of Erie, whose uniqueness gave the city itself a special standing, but as a broad citizen of many outside activities. He was a well known member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, a director of the Erie Trust Company, and a Mason of the thirty-second degree in the Scottish rite consistory. As a family man, the deceased was affectionate

and generous, and since his taking away there is a pathetic vacancy in the household. The surviving members of the family are the widow and four daughters, two of whom are married and two, live with their mother. On September 14, 1869, Mr. Felgemaker wedded Miss Julia Dickman, daughter of George and Catherine (Smith) Dickman, residents of Buffalo, New York, and the children of this marriage are as follows: Ada E., who is now Mrs. Martin Mayer, wife of the well known contractor of Erie; Emma Henrietta, who married Dr. David V. Reinoehl, a leading Erie physician; and Charlotta and Olive, who live at home. Mrs. Felgemaker and her daughters are all members of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Horatio Nelson Bradley. More than forty-three years of industrious and honorable residence in Erie have brought Horatio N. Bradley into the first ranks of its citizens, and the three decades covering his career as a railroad man have raised him to the responsible position of commercial agent for the Pennsylvania Company, his progress with that great corporation being based upon a record of remarkable faithfulness, adaptability and ability. Born at Dansville, Livingston county, New York, on the 30th of March, 1846, he is descended from an old and prominent New England family, his grandfather becoming a pioneer paper manufacturer of western New York. At a very early day, this paternal ancestor located at Dansville, because of the natural water power found there, and erected what was the first paper mill in that section of the country. Having thoroughly mastered this line of manufacture in his native state of Connecticut, the builder and proprietor made a permanent and broad success of the business. For many years, both he and his four sons were engaged in paper making at Dansville and (at least, a portion of the time) at Niagara Falls. One of these sons, Lucius Bradley, was a native of New Haven, Connecticut; accompanied his parents to Dansville; after completing his education entered the paper mills and spent his remaining days in the locality, being a leader not only in its industries but in the general progress of the community. He also held a commission from Governor Seward as a major in the state milita, his brother Chester being a colonel; so that Lucius Bradley, father of Horatio N., proved his full worth to the city and the commonwealth in many capacities. He was united in marriage to Miss Eunice Knowlton, also a native of Dansville, daughter of Amos Knowlton, a native of Vermont but a pioneer of Livingston county, New York.

H. N. Bradley, of this sketch, was reared in Dansville and was educated in its public school and academy. In 1866, when twenty years of age, he located in Erie as a clerk in the hardware store of John C. Selden on French street and was similarly engaged with W. W. Pierce and Company, also hardware merchants. In 1878 he began his railroad career as clerk to George V. Maus, then division freight agent of the Pennsylvania Company at Erie. Continuous proofs of his ability to assume greater responsibilities led to successive promotions as chief clerk to C. F. Perkins, division freight agent, and (1892) as division freight agent himself of the Erie and Ashtabula division of what was then the Erie & Pittsburg and the Pittsburg, Youngstown & Ashtabula Railroad companies. He continued in the latter position until April, 1904, when he was appointed to his present responsible position as commercial agent of the Pennsylvania Company, with headquarters at Erie.

Mr. Bradley was married at Erie, in 1874, to Miss Annie Perkins Smith, who was born in 1849 and is a daughter of the late Ex-Mayor Sherburn Smith, for more than forty years a leading business man and citizen of the place. Mrs. Bradley's father was a native of New Hampshire, born in 1805, and for some years followed his trade as a hatter in the Granite state. He was also thus engaged at Hartford, Connecticut, and in 1832 became a journeyman hatter in Erie, in that year entering the employ of P. K. Rockwell on French street. Two years later he founded a business in the old Mansion House, continuing at that location until the great fire of January 22, 1839, swept away that structure with a number of adjoining buildings. Mr. Smith then moved his store to the east side of French street, where he remained until his death December 26, 1876. Besides operating a large establishment as a manufacturer of hats for thirty-five years he was an extensive buyer of wool for the eastern markets, during a large portion of his active business career, Erie county being considered in the "western country" and near the center of supply of raw material for the woolen manufacturers of New England. Mr. Smith was also highly respected for his public services to the city of Erie, serving in its municipal council and, in 1859-62, as mayor. His marriage in 1841 was to Miss Susan Heck, daughter of J. Heck, long a justice of the peace in Erie.

Both by marriage and in his individual relations, Mr. Bradley stands high as a citizen of Erie. As a railroad man who carries especial weight with the business community, he is among the influential members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade, and he is closely associated with those organizations in all the movements fathered by them for the general development of the city. He is also a member of the Erie Club. His religious affiliations are with the St. Paul's Episcopal church, and both he and his wife are widely known and honored for their cultured sociability and their sterling characters.

Louis Galmish is one of Erie's best known and most popular citizens, being proprietor of the Parkview Hotel, a leading hostelry of the county. A native of the Keystone state, he was born in Frenchtown, Crawford county, on the 15th of February, 1861. His parents, Alonzo and Frances (Dounon) Galmish, were natives of France, the father having been born in Paris and the mother in Belleville. His natal year was 1824 and in his boyhood days he came with his father and mother to the United States, the family settling in Frenchtown, Crawford county, Pennsylvania. The mother made the voyage across the Atlantic with her sister about 1855. Alonzo Galmish followed the occupation of farming in Crawford county for a long period and there departed this life in 1894 at the age of seventy years, having for more than two decades survived his wife, who died in 1872.

Louis Galmish was reared on the home farm and the country schools afforded him his educational privileges. When not busy with his textbooks he worked in the fields, but thinking that he would find other pursuits more congenial and more profitable, in the fall of 1876, when a youth of fifteen years, he left the old home and secured a position in a general store in Frenchtown. The following year he removed to Titusville, Pennsylvania, where he obtained employment in a restaurant and in 1878 he went to Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he made his initial step in connection with hotel interests by securing a position in the United States Hotel, becoming general assistant to the proprietors.

Rev. John B. Tipp.

Realizing the value of education in preparation for life's responsible duties, he supplemented his early course by attending General Miller's free night schools through three seasons. On leaving the United States he went to the Exchange Hotel in Franklin, first having charge of the dining room, while later he became steward and afterward manager, filling the last named position for sixteen years. On the expiration of that period he felt that his long and varied experience and the capital which he had saved from his earnings justified him in beginning business on his own account and in 1901 he purchased the Hotel Allen, of Erie, and the following year enlarged the capacity by building an addition. At the same time he changed its name to the Parkview Hotel, which is now a fine hostelry situated on South Park Row, fronting beautiful Central park. It is one of the most popular of the city's best hotels. The building is a four-story brick structure, containing forty rooms and a fine dining room. It is equipped with steam heat and electric lights and is thoroughly modern in every respect, due attention being paid to the cuisine, while every practical effort is put forth for the comfort and convenience of the patrons. The hotel has a large commercial patronage and is a favorite with many guests.

On the 25th of September, 1901, Mr. Galmish was married to Miss Catherine Henry, daughter of Michael Henry, of Franklin, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Galmish was born. They now have two sons, Louis and Henry. The parents are members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church and Mr. Galmish belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a Knight of Columbus. He is also a member of the Business Men's Exchange and the Erie Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard on Major General Charles Miller's staff for seven years and is a member of the Pennsylvania and of the National Hotel Men's Associations. He has made steady progress in his business career, basing his actions upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving commercial integrity. An intelligent appreciation of opportunities has been one of the salient features in his success and his friends—and they are many—rejoice in what he has accomplished, knowing that his prosperity is well merited.

Rev. John B. Tipp, the pastor of St. Boniface's church, in Greene township, was born in Neuhaus, Westphalia, Germany, on the 9th of May, 1869, and is a son of Joseph and Josefa Tipp, who still live in the little city of Paderborn. The son in his early life was well prepared for the high position he now holds, and first attended the College of St. Theodore at Paderborn, Germany. In 1890 he matriculated in the seminary at Puerto Viejo, in Ecuador, South America, and remaining in that institution until 1892 he then entered the Grand Seminary at Quito in Ecuador. He continued his studies there until 1894, and on the 8th of June, 1895, he was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Peter Schuhmacher, bishop of Puerto Viejo. About this time Rev. Tipp left South America on account of a revolution, and coming to the United States he was stationed at Pittsburg until 1897, when he came to Erie as the assistant to Rt. Rev. Mgr. Decker, and remained in that capacity until June of 1899. At that time he was transferred to Meadville, and on the 1st of November, 1900, he was appointed the pastor of the St. Boniface's church. He is thoroughly earnest and sincere in all his thoughts, words and deeds, and his efforts in his divine calling have been abundantly blessed.

The first resident pastor of St. Boniface's parish was Rev. Joseph A. Oberhofer, appointed June 16, 1857. Mass was said in the house of Michael Schnell until September of that year. During this time a structure was put up which served as church, priest's house and school About fifty families belonged to the congregation and there are a few of the old settlers still living in the parish, namely: Martin Moritz, John Gredler, Martin Wick, Joe Lavery, Mrs. John Stesel, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner. Rev. P. F. Maloney succeeded Father Oberhofer in June, 1867. The old church burned down and a temporary structure was put up. In the following year Rev. Father Gerst took charge of the parish and was followed by Rev. Y. Vollmeyer in December, 1868. Dissensions arose between the nationalities in the parish and the only man who was capable to deal with the difficulty was Rev. Joseph A. Oberhofer, the first pastor. The bishop appointed him again and soon the parties were united and a new building was erected which stands today. The church was dedicated on May 25th, 1873. Shortly after this Father Melchior Appel took charge of the parish. In August, 1878, Rev. E. Hasse relieved Father Appel who was transferred to Meadville. The next change was made in August, 1890, Rev. John C. McEntee being the new pastor. He was relieved of his duties by Rev. Jos. W. Sieverding in August, 1891. The year 1894 brought another new pastor, Rev. Simon Assenmacher, who attended to the wants of the parish up to June, 1895, when Rev. Henry F. Dietrich was assigned to the charge. He built a new Sisters house but did not enjoy his pastoral works very long because in February, 1897, he took very sick and died on account of hardships. He was followed by Rev. Jno. H. Heibel, who was transferred to Rasselas in October, 1900, and succeeded by Rev. John B. Tipp, who is still in charge of the parish. A new parsonage was built in 1901. School-work went always hand in hand with the church work. The teachers were Messrs. Feuersbein, Rohmer, and Adolph Schmidt, and the Ven. Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary's, and now the Ven. Benedictine Sisters of Erie. The organist in the church since 1903 has been Miss Catherine F. Seus. At the present there are about sixty families and as the congregation intend building a new brick church all the members of the parish are working earnestly for it. Two boys of the parish became priests, Rev. Francis Wagner now pastor of Brookville and Rev. Jno. H. Heibel, pastor of Rasselas.

Melvin N. Lovell. The patent of nobility which rested its honors and distinction in the person of Melvin Newton Lovell came from high authority, since it was based upon fine character and marked ability. His life record was one of valuable and generous accomplishment along practical, productive lines, and his measure of success was large; but greater than this was intrinsic loyalty to principle and the deep human sympathy which designated the man as he was. As a manufacturer and inventor he gained precedence; he aided materially in the promotion of the industrial upbuilding of the city of Erie; and his life was one of signal usefulness and honor in all its relations.

Mr. Lovell was born at Allegheny, Venango county, Pennsylvania, on the 31st of August, 1844, and is a son of Darias T. and Susan B. (Conover) Lovell, both of whom were likewise natives of Pennsylvania, where the respective families were early founded, both being of English lineage. Darias T. Lovell died about the year 1858 and his wife long

survived him, as her death occurred in 1883. When the subject of this memoir was a boy the family removed to Kerrtown, a village located in the vicinity of Titusville, this state, and there he was reared to maturity, in the meanwhile receiving such advantages as were afforded in the common schools of the locality and period. As a youth he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and his natural mechanical talent, enabled him soon to become a skilled workman. He followed his trade during the major portion of his term of residence in Kerrtown, and also became interested in the oil fields of Titusville.

In 1861, when seventeen years of age, Mr. Lovell left his home and, without parental authority, tendered his services in defense of the Union. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war he thus enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and with this command he saw active service during his comparatively brief career as a soldier of the republic. He received his honorable discharge at the expiration of his term of enlistment, and in 1865 he took up his residence in Erie, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for a number of years thereafter. In 1869 Mr. Lovell invented and patented several useful articles for household use, and in that year he began the manufacturing of certain of these inventions, in partnership with Franklin F. Adams. Among the principal products of the original factory were washing machines and step-ladders. In 1881 Mr. Lovell individually began manufacturing other of his patents, including spring beds, and from a modest inception the Lovell Manufacturing Company grew to be one of the largest industrial concerns of its kind in the Union, even as to-day it is recognized as being the most extensive manufactory of clothes-wringers in the entire world.

In connection with his manufactory Mr. Lovell established sales agencies for his products in all parts of the country, and these branches were known as the Lovell stores. From them goods were sold on the installment plan, of which now common system Mr. Lovell was practically the originator. After his business had already been established upon a substantial basis and had grown to no inconsiderable proportions, Mr. Lovell invented and patented the famous wringer which bears his name, and in later years he confined his operations largely to the manufacture of this very superior invention, which now finds sales in all sections of the civilized world. He was chosen president of the Lovell Manufacturing Company at the time of its incorporation, and the concern is now one of the most important industrial corporations of Erie county. Mr. Lovell was also one of the organizers and stockholders of the Combination Roll & Rubber Manufacturing Company, of New York, which was formed for the purpose of manufacturing his patents, with office headquarters in New York City and factory at Bloomfield, New Jersey. Of this strong and successful corporation he was vice-president until the time of his death. He was the first and most potent factor in securing the proper representation of the state of Pennsylvania at the Cotton States Exposition, held in Atlanta, Georgia, and was appointed commissioner from Pennsylvania to that exposition, where he did an enthusiastic and particularly successful work in behalf of his native state. He was signally alive to all that concerned the welfare of his home city, and his aid and influence were ever given in support of measures for the general good of the community. Though never active in the domain of practical politics he gave a loyal support to the cause of the

Republican party, and he was also active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he was a liberal supporter. He was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and also held membership in various civic, business and social organizations. He was steadfast and reliable as a business man, and left a deep impress upon the industrial history of his native state, where his name is held in lasting honor as one of the world's noble army of workers. He was summoned to the life eternal on the 21st of November, 1895, in the very prime of his strong and useful manhood.

In 1870 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lovell to Miss Elizabeth A. Neilson, who was born in New York City, October 15, 1846, and who is a daughter of James and Mary A. (Gaggin) Neilson, the former of whom was born in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, and the latter in Ireland. The parents were married in New York City, where the father was a prominent and successful florist for many years, and there both continued to reside until their death. In conclusion of this brief sketch is entered record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lovell: Susan May, died in 1888, at the age of twenty years; Rose Lillian is the wife of J. Edwin Kirk, of Atlanta, Georgia, and they became the parents of three children, Melvin Newton, who died at the age of two years, and Charles Edwin and Miller Cameron, who are living; Bertha Neilson Lovell became the wife of George Rogers Williams, and they reside in Buffalo, New York; they have one son, Lowell Wetmore. Mrs. Lovell still maintains her home in Erie, where she has long been a member of the board of managers of the Home for the Friendless, and where she is prominent in social activities and in the work of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

Joseph Orin Wait, prominent among the younger members of the legal profession at Erie, Pennsylvania, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Erie county. The Wait family of Erie county is descended from Thomas Wait of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. He with two brothers, Richard and Gamaliel, came from the west of England to America, arriving at Plymouth in 1634, fourteen years after the landing of the Pilgrims. Soon after his arrival in America he settled in Rhode Island, where on July 1, 1639, he was granted a building lot. On March 6, 1641, he was made a freeman, a privilege then granted only to church members. He died intestate at Portsmouth some time before April, 1667, and the town council divided his property among his children, Samuel, Jeremiah, Thomas, Mary and Reuben. John Wait, a descendant of Thomas Wait was the fifth justice of the supreme court of Rhode Island. The descendants of Thomas Wait continued to reside in the New England states, principally in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, until after the close of the Revolutionary war, since which time the family has become widely extended over the country, principally through the New England states and New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas.

Samuel Wait, son of Thomas, married Hannah Whitman, of Kingston, Rhode Island; they had four children, Samuel, John, Joseph and Susanna. Susanna married Benjamin Perry; they had a son, Freeman Perry, who married Mercy Hazzard, who had one son, Christopher Perry, who married Sarah Wallace Alexander, who has a son, Oliver Hazzard Perry, Commodore in the United States Navy.

The great-great-grandfather of Joseph Orin Wait, the subject of this review, was Joseph Wait of Broadalbin, New York. He was born in Rhode Island in 1759, and died October 19, 1828. He was the son of Benjamin (4th), the son of Samuel (3rd), the son of Samuel (2nd), the son of Thomas (1st), of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. He was a brother of Colonel Beriah, who was an ensign in the Third Company, North Kingston, Rhode Island, in 1778, a lieutenant in June, 1780, and a colonel in the Continental army for five years. Many of the Waits served as soldiers in the French and Indian wars as well as in the Revolution and Civil war. The family of John Wait was captured by the Indians and carried into Canada during the French and Indian wars. His wife gave birth to a daughter, while in the hands of the Indians, who was named Canada and one of whose descendants was the founder of Smiths College at Northampton.

Joseph Wait, of Broadalbin, served in Captain Delano's company of Rhode Island troops during the Revolutionary war. He married Abigail Clarke on February 23, 1783. They were the parents of sons as follows: George, Clarke, Beriah, Joseph, Benjamin, Walter, Philip and Stephen, the great-grandfather of our subject. He was born as Broadalbin, New York, August 3, 1802, and died in Le Boeuf township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1874. He married at Broadalbin on January 17, 1821, Jane Shepherd. They settled in Le Boeuf township, in 1833, where he took out a patent for a tract of land from the Commonwealth. This land is still owned by the Wait family, having been in the family for four generations.

The children of Stephen Wait were, Samuel, S., Peleg P., Eunice, Benjamin J., Sarah, Stephen A., Edmund R., Beriah G. and Levi J. Peleg P. grandfather of Joseph Orin Wait, was born at Broadalbin, New York, January 11, 1824. He married Lois Davis of Washington township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1845. They had four children Daniel, Sarah Jane, Peleg Henry, and Stephen.

Daniel Wait was born in Le Boeuf township, October 25, 1846, and married October 29, 1867, Martha A. daughter of Joseph and Isabella (Benn) Arters. To them were born three children: Jennie Viola, February 27, 1869, married March 30, 1892, Robert McLallen; Joseph Orin, whose name introduces this sketch, and Raymond Philip, born July 5, 1888.

Joseph Orin Wait was born July 5, 1871, in Le Boeuf township, Erie county. He was a student at Waterford Academy and graduated from the State Normal School at Edinboro, in 1894, and from Allegheny College, Meadville, in 1898, as salutatorian of his class. While in college he was on the editorial staff of the "Kaldron," the college "Annual;" also of the "Campus," the weekly publication of the college. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was admitted to the bar in Erie county in 1902, and has offices at No. 8 South Park Row, Erie, Pa.

Mr. Wait was married at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1903, to Nina Ethel, daughter of Joseph and Elza (Buys) Maycock. They have one child, a daughter, Lois, born March 16, 1907. Mr. Wait is identfied with both the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He is a member of Perry Lodge No. 392, F. & A. M., of Temple Chapter No. 215, of the Shriners Club, of Lake Shore Lodge, No. 718, and of Heneosis Adelphon Encampment No. 42.

Charles Gunnison. The growth and development of a city are dependent not so much upon the machinery of government or upon those who fill the public offices as upon the business men who institute and control legitimate enterprises, holding to high standards in all their trade relations. Of this class Charles Gunnison is a worthy representative and is well known to the general public as the senior member of the firm of Charles Gunnison & Company, tanners and dealers in hides and leather. He was born in Erie, October 29, 1851, a son of the late John B. Gunnison, who was one of the most prominent and influential citizens here and one of the founders of the business which is now conducted by his son of this review. John B. Gunnison was born in Erie, April 16, 1826, his parents being Ebenezer D. and Sophia (Baker) Gunnison, who were pioneers of this city. In his youthful days he was a pupil in the old Erie Academy and later he learned the trade of a tanner and currier, while subsequently he engaged in the book trade. In 1859 he and his brother, Charles E. Gunnison, now president of the Marine National Bank of Erie, formed a partnership and erected the large brick tannery on West Eighteenth street. John B. Gunnison at once took charge and managed the enterprise successfully until his death, which occurred in February, 1897. In all of his business undertakings he was resolute, determined and energetic, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook and in all things conforming his actions to a high standard of commercial integrity. He served as a member of the common council, as city assessor, as a member of the school board and as county assessor and in these various relations discharged his duties most ably and faithfully. In his younger days he was assistant chief of the old volunteer fire department of Erie and throughout his life he took an active and helpful interest in all those activities and movements which were a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He was also a member of the Owl Club, one of the prominent early social organizations of the city. He was reared in the Baptist faith but in later life united with the Universalist church and continued in that belief until his demise.

On the 5th of February, 1850, John B. Gunnison was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Spafford, who was born in Erie, May 23, 1830, a daughter of Oliver and Lucinda (Burton) Spafford. Her father was a representative of the old and prominent New England family of that name which numbered among its representatives Ainsworth Spafford, late United States congressional librarian. Oliver Spafford was born at West Windsor, Vermont, January 27, 1795, and was the son of John and Elizabeth (Kendall) Spafford. The former was born in Vermont in 1758 and was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Oliver Spafford was married in Portland, Chautauqua county, New York, and in 1817, after having followed various business interests in other parts of the country, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, then a town of only three or four hundred population. In that place he engaged in the book trade and among other volumes published Webster's Elementary Spelling Book and the American Preceptor, once noted as a popular reading book for the schools. In 1828 he removed to Erie and became the founder of a large and prosperous publishing house of this city, which he conducted along constantly expanding lines up to the time of his death, which occurred September 30, 1881. He had long survived his wife, who died January 6, 1855. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Spafford were as follows: Oliver, now deceased; Elizabeth K., who has passed away; Char-

lotta A.; Mary J., deceased, Eleanor L.; Sarah M., deceased; Charles R. and Curtis J., both now deceased.

The children of John B. and Eleanor (Spafford) Gunnison were four in number, the subject of this review being the eldest. Alfred, the second son, was born in Erie, March 17, 1853, and pursued his education in the schools of that city, after which he went to California in 1874. He spent twenty years on the Pacific coast, where he was engaged in tanning and leather business. During that period he married Josephine Springer and in 1895 returned to Erie, where he became connected with the firm of Charles Gunnison & Company. Anna L., the only daughter, born in Erie, May 5, 1855, is the wife of Charles Thayer and the mother of three children: Lila, the wife of Stanley Byron, of Erie; Edna, the wife of George Freas of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and Paul. Rolla Gunnison, the fourth member of the family, was born in Erie, September 30, 1863, and was educated in the city schools, after which he became connected with his father in the tanning business as a member of the firm of C. Gunnison & Company and still retains his interest in the enterprise, although in 1903 he became a member of the George Plumer Leather Company of Girard, Pennsylvania. He still retains his residence in Erie, however. He married Annie Sisson, of this place, and to them have been born three sons: Boyd S., J. Eben and Gordon.

Charles Gunnison, whose name introduces this review, was reared and educated in Erie and after leaving school entered his father's employ, continuing with him in business until the father's death, when he and his mother and brothers succeeded to the ownership of this enterprise, which Charles Gunnison has since capably managed and directed. His thorough understanding of the trade well qualifies him for the onerous duties that devolve upon him in this connection. The output is of superior quality and finds a ready sale on the market, their trade in leather and hides being now quite extensive and profitable.

Mr. Gunnison is most pleasantly situated in his home life. He wedded Miss May E., daughter of A. B. and Olive M. (Low) Gunnison, of Erie, and unto them have been born two sons, but the elder, Arthur, who was born September 11, 1880, died at the age of thirteen years. Carl, who was born September 17, 1883, married Inez C. Skinner, a daughter of F. E. and Mary Skinner, of Erie. There was one child of this marriage, Howard Wesley, who died at the age of one year and four days.

Well known in his native city, Charles Gunnison is a valued member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and of the Business Men's Exchange. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Unitarian church and these associations indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. The fact that many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his youth to the present time is an indication that his life has at all times been an honorable and straightforward one.

William Pitt Gilson, who for years was prominently identified with the commercial interests of Erie and throughout the entire period held to a high standard of business ethics, so that he received the respect and esteem of his colleagues and associates, was born in the state of New York in the year 1823. He removed from Watertown, New York, to Erie, Pennsylvania, when a young man of sixteen years, arriving here in 1839. For a long period he was engaged in the coal trade and in the

commission business on the docks and during a part of that time was a member of the firm of Gilson & Walker. In 1873 he became rental agent for the Reed estate, a position which he held until his death on the 8th of March, 1898. Mr. Gilson was one of the best informed men in the state on turf matters and for many years was the secretary of the Erie Racing Association.

In early manhood Mr. Gilson was united in marriage to Miss Frances Newton, who was born near Saratoga Springs, New York, in November, 1826. They became the parents of a son and daughter, but the latter, Harriet, died in the fall of 1904. The husband and father passed away March 9, 1898, and at the time of his demise one of the local newspapers said of him: "He was a kind and affable gentleman whose acquaintance was very extended, and wherever known was held in the highest esteem. He was a man of honor and his word was as good as any man's bond. In his domestic relations he was very happy and his entire time outside of business hours was spent at his home. He was a man of refined tastes and was exceedingly well read. His home was one of the most attractive in the city in its surroundings. The cultivation of roses and other out-of-door flowers and growths was a part of the occupations for which he had a great liking." His strongly marked traits of character were such as won for him unqualified regard and friendship and his memory is yet cherished by many who knew him.

John L. Gilson, a citizen of Erie well known as a theatrical manager, was here born June 9, 1851, and spent his youthful days in his parents' home, while in the public schools he acquired his education. He afterward took up the study of telegraphy, became a capable operator and from 1870 until 1878 resided in the west, where he was connected with telegraphic interests. On the expiration of that period he returned to Erie and accepted a position in the office of the collector of internal revenue, thus serving from 1878 until 1884. He began his theatrical career in 1893, when he assumed the management of the Park Opera House of Erie, of which he has since been continuously in charge. On the 1st of January, 1905, he became manager of the Majestic theatre, one of the most beautiful playhouses in Pennsylvania, and now manages this and the Park Opera House conjointly, showing excellent business discernment in the control of the two theatres, together with thorough understanding of the demands of the public in the way of theatrical entertainment.

Mr. Gilson was married to Miss Florence Sterrett, a daughter of Joseph A. and Sarah (Kirkpatrick) Sterrett, both old Erie families. Mr. Gilson belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Genial, courteous and cordial, he is a popular resident of his native city and has many friends here.

Paul D. Mullin, a promising young business man of Union City, secretary of the Standard Chair Company, is a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, the son of J. M. and Sarah (Troth) Mullin, and grandson of Robert Mullin who was a native of Fayette county and a hat maker by trade. J. M. Mullin was a well-to-do farmer, and owned valuable coal lands in his native county.

Paul D. Mullin attended the public schools of his native county, and later fitted himself for business life at the Syracuse University, from which institution he graduated. After leaving college Mr. Mullin engaged in the insurance business in Pittsburg, but upon the re-organization of the Standard Chair Company, of Union City, in 1900, which was

L. L. Little.

incorporated, he assumed the office of secretary of that institution, and entered upon the performance of his duties after the completion of the building now occupied by them. This company had been formed first in 1898, and had a force of sixty skilled workmen, but the new factory furnished employment for two hundred men, and the output is thirty-five hundred chairs in ten hours; the machinery is operated with electrical appliances giving four hundred horse-power, and in this city, noted for the manufacture of chairs, the company herewith described takes a prominent place.

Mr. Mullin married, October 3, 1906, Marjorie E., daughter of Charles H. and Alice M. (Cady) Church, born in 1882, and they have no children. The Church family are further described in the article regarding H. L. Church, in another part of this work. Charles H. Church and his wife had two children, namely: Gertrude E., born in 1878, in 1902 married O. C. Hatch, and Marjorie E. Mrs. C. H. Church was a native of Columbus county, Pennsylvania, and both Mr. and Mrs. Church are dead he having died in 1886.

Lowell M. Little. The death of Lowell M. Little removed from the city of Erie a citizen who represented a fine type of faithfulness in whatever he undertook. Was it business, his associates and superiors could always rely upon his absolute integrity although it might run counter to his private interests, and upon his unfailing courtesy and gentleness, whatever the provocation to anger or even just indignation. In a word, Mr. Little was a man who carried the conscience, charity and kindliness of his religion into every detail of his daily life, and his faithfulness to both worldly and Christian duties was inseparable.

Mr. Little was a native of Ohio, born at Aurora, Portage county, Ohio, on January 1, 1847, and when he came to Erie in 1865 he had received a common school education and a wholesome home training. At first he entered the office of the American Express Company, at that city, but later was transferred to the office at Titusville, Pennsylvania. While residing there he became connected with the Titusville National Bank, but in 1870 returned to Erie and lived in that city, as one of its useful, strong and moral men, until the day of his death. His advent to its activities was as secretary and director of the W. L. Scott Coal Company, and he ably held the position for thirty years, relinquishing it only when compelled to retire from active business on account of failing health. For many years he was also a director of the First National Bank. His ability, fidelity and elevating influence made him a welcome and a prominent personage in the specific circles of religious and charitable workers. In the Park Presbyterian church he was a strong supporting pillar for many years, being long the leader of its choir, for eight years superintendent of the Sunday school and during the last three years of his life one of its elders. He was also, for some time, president of the local organization of the Young Men's Christian Association, and held other positions on the boards of various religious, charitable and benevolent bodies. Fully alive to the elevating effects of a general mental enlightenment upon the public, he was always a firm and earnest supporter of the city library, being one of its original trustees.

In 1872 Mr. Little married Susan Brewster, daughter of Alexander W. Brewster. Her father was a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, born in 1796, and in 1806 was brought by his parents to Erie, where he became a leading citizen. He served as sheriff of Erie county,

was the last burgess of the city, and held other honorable offices. Mr. Brewster died May 26, 1851, and his was the first interment in Erie Cemetery, of which he was one of the incorporators. His wife (nee Susan M. Jones) was a native of Connecticut and died in 1886. The only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell M. Little is Margaret L., who married Professor F. A. Cleveland, a native of Palmyra, New York, who is now identified with Cornell University. Professor and Mrs. Cleveland have one child, Susan Brewster Cleveland.

Casimer Siegel. For more than a half century the name of Casimer Siegel was an honored one in Erie, for his labors constituted an important factor in the upbuilding and development of the community and in the promotion of commercial and industrial progress through his intense and well directed business activity. He was a native of Germany, his birth occurring in that country in the year 1814. He was twenty-one years of age when in 1835 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He first located in the city of Buffalo, New York, where he engaged in business for two years and then crossed the boundary line into Pennsylvania, locating in Erie in 1837. He remained a continuous resident of this city from that time until his death. Soon after coming to Erie he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of one of his arms but this misfortune did not materially lessen his usefulness as a citizen or retard his active business career. He was alert, energetic and enterprising and readily recognized and utilized the opportunities for business advancement. His first place of business in Erie was in the old Witter block on French street and during the time of the construction of the old Erie canal he was one of the sub-contractors and while so engaged established a supply store on Federal Hill. Continually watchful of opportunities pointing to success, he extended his business interests from time to time. His next venture was in the establishment of a linseed oil mill on the site of the old Gingrich mill on Twenty-seventh street in South Erie, this being the pioneer enterprise of the kind in the county and one of the first in the entire country. Mr. Siegel withdrew from that field of labor, however, at a later date because of the failure of the crop. He was next engaged in the wholesale grocery and seed business, in which he continued for several years at different localities in the neighborhood of the park. In 1870 he established his business on Eleventh street, where he continued up to the time of his death.

Honored and respected by all, there was no man who occupied a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles in Erie than Casimer Siegel or who was more universally respected. He was especially popular among the German-American residents of this city and his word carried influence with them. He was thoroughly American in spirit and interests and gladly cooperated in every movement for the welfare and benefit of the city. His wise counsel was frequently sought, not alone in business matters but in shaping important measures in municipal legislation. For some time he served as a member of the city council and his efforts in that body were always in the direction of betterment and improvement. He died October 17, 1886, and the community mourned the loss of one whom it had long known and honored. Neither fear nor favor could swerve him from a course which he believed to be right and his name was ever an unsullied one in commercial circles.

Dr. Owen M. Shreve, one of the leading specialists engaged in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, is one of the most

thoroughly and broadly trained among the physicians and surgeons of Erie. He is a son of the late Rev. Cyrus and Florella (Nourse) Shreve, his father, who died at Union City, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1908, having been engaged in the work of the Baptist ministry in that section of the state for more than fifty years. The family is descended from English ancestry and Richard and Margaret Shreve, the great-grandparents of the doctor, migrated from Burlington, New Jersey, and settled at the head of Oil Creek lake (now Lake Canadohta) in 1798. Their son Israel, the grandfather of Owen M., married Elizabeth Bloomfield, daughter of Thomas Bloomfield, a Revolutionary soldier and prominent citizen in whose honor Bloomfield township was named. Eight children were born of this union, and, since the death of Rev. Cyrus Shreve, the only survivor of the family is Thomas B. Shreve, a resident of Union City. Rev. Cyrus Shreve was a native of Bloomfield township, born July 23, 1825; was ordained to the Baptist ministry September 10, 1853, and held charges for the next half century at various places in western Pennsylvania. He was a man of remarkable vitality of body and mind and retained his vigor until within a few years of his death, when his powers were enfeebled by an acute attack of disease. He then resigned his pastorate to the deep sorrow of the many whom he had befriended and assisted in ways both practical and spiritual, and passed peacefully away at his old home in Union City a venerable man of God, revered for his earnestness, unaffected character and his Christian desire, as well as his strong human ability, to aid those in material or spiritual suffering. The two sons of the deceased are Dr. Owen M. and Hon. M. W. Shreve, both of whom prominently figure in the professional and public annals of Erie.

Dr. Shreve pursued courses preparatory to his professional education at Bucknell Academy and University, graduating from the latter with the class of 1884. He completed his studies at the Buffalo Medical College in 1892, and after his graduation therefrom went abroad to extend his knowledge and training in connection with diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He attended several of the hospitals and clinics of Europe, and for some time served as an assistant at Moorefield's Eye Hospital, London. Returning to the United States in 1902, he located at Erie for practice, and his uninterrupted success since is but the natural and legitimate result of his thorough training in his professional specialities and his instinctive abilities. The doctor is president of the Erie County Medical Society, and is actively identified with the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and the Hamot and St. Vincent's hospitals. He is also a Mason, and a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, as well as of the Erie and Country clubs. In other words, he is a live citizen of Erie and one of its most thoroughly representative physicians. The doctor married in London in 1903—Miss Elise Courtier-Dutton and two children were born to them in England—Olive E. and Owen M., Jr.

Orr G. Metzner, the leading retail dealer in meats of Erie, is a product of the county, in birth, education and business development. He was born on a farm in North East township, May 24, 1860, and is a son of the late John and Catherine (Wallace) Metzner. He was educated in the Erie public schools, learned bookkeeping from a private tutor and mastered the meat business under his father. In 1882 he founded his own establishment in that line on Parade street, but a year and a half later became his father's partner. In 1886 he located at his present num-

ber 13 West Seventh street, and from the large profits of the business erected the fine block on the site of the old building, in 1890. Mr. Metzner is an influential member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Exchange, and is past master of Perry Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was married, December 30, 1889, to Miss Carrie Firch, of Erie, and to them have been born the following: Maxwell, March 19, 1891, and Webster, June 21, 1893.

John Metzner, father of Orr G., was a native of Germany and came to the United States in 1846, his first work being to learn the butcher's trade at St. Mary's, Pennsylvania. After residing in Erie for a time he purchased a farm in Greenfield township, this county, and resided thereon until 1865, when he returned to the city and engaged in the meat business at No. 924 Parade street, retiring in 1892 and dying in Erie three years later. His wife (Catherine Wallace) was born in England of Scotch-English parents and died in 1876, mother of two sons—James William, who was born October 5, 1856, and died May 15, 1874; and Orr G. Metzner, of this biography.

Rufus S. Loomis, deceased, was a member of one of the oldest families of the vicinity of North East, and was descended through many generations from the mother country of England. Born in North East on the 20th of January, 1811, he was a son of Joel and Susanna (Baird) Loomis, who were married on the 1st of January, 1799. Joel Loomis was born in Granville, New York, and was a son of Seth and Mindwell (Porter) Loomis. Seth Loomis was born May 22, 1737, and was a son of Joshua and Abigail (Langdon) Loomis, of Westfield, Massachusetts. Joshua Loomis, born August 24, 1706, died previous to 1788, and he was a son of William and Martha (Morley) Loomis, also of Westfield. William Loomis, born on the 18th of March, 1672, died February 22, 1753, and he was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Judd) Loomis. Samuel Loomis was born in England, and was a son of Joseph and Sarah (Hill) Loomis. Joseph Loomis afterward married Mary Channey.

Seth Loomis, the grandfather of Rufus S., moved to the town of North East during an early period in its history, and he died here on the 15th of July, 1809. His son Joel bought a large tract of land six miles south of North East, in Greenfield township, which was his home for many years, but the later part of his life was spent in the town, and during the fifteen years previous to his death he was blind.

Rufus S. Loomis was a member of his parents' home until he came to North East and learned the carpenter and joiner's trade. He assisted in the building of the first church in the town, and was its chorister for thirty years, finally resigning his position on account of ill health. In 1847 he purchased a residence in the village, and later, in 1865, became the owner of a one hundred acre farm adjoining the village on the west, and this he farmed until his death, August 12, 1873. As a Republican he served in many of the offices of his community, and as a Presbyterian he was very prominent in the religious and social life of the town, active both in church and Sunday-school work for many years.

He married on the 19th of March, 1833, Sarah Tuttle, born in North East April 28, 1812, a daughter of Amos and Sarah (Richards) Tuttle, and a granddaughter of Colonel Timothy and Mehitable (Royce) Tuttle. Colonel Timothy Tuttle was a personal friend of George Washington, and was with him during the Revolutionary war. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were: Sarah Ann and Susan Ann, twins, born October 20, 1834, and the former died on the 27th of January, 1853, and

the latter on the 26th of February, 1851; Amos, born January 14, 1837, and now a real estate dealer in Erie, Pennsylvania; John Jay, born June 13, 1839, enlisted on the 16th of September, 1861, as a musician of the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in August of 1862, and is now a manufacturer of the Loomis Elastic paint for metal preservation; Mary L., born September 22, 1841, died February 14, 1848; Frances Amelia, born June 29, 1844, died February 19, 1848; and Ella May, born May 1, 1850, resides with her brother, John Jay, at the Loomis homestead in North East.

The Schaffner Brothers Company, proprietors of the largest meat packing house in northwestern Pennsylvania, is the outcome of the small business established in Cleveland, in February, 1884, by Morris and Jacob Schaffner. In January, 1887, they moved their business to Erie, opening a retail and wholesale store at No. 1327 Peach street, now the location of the *Dispatch* newspaper plant. In 1888 the Schaffner Brothers commenced to devote themselves exclusively to the wholesale trade, their slaughter house being on Mill creek at Twenty-ninth and State streets. With the increase of their business, in 1891 the firm secured larger slaughtering accommodation by obtaining the old Busch establishment at the corner of Eleventh and Wayne streets, whose capacity was also increased from time to time. In 1906 they purchased an entire block on East Fifteenth street, breaking ground for the erection of the great plant which they now occupy on August 11, 1906. It was completed on September 26, 1907. The main building is 100 by 87 feet, three stories in height, and is furnished with every sanitary and modern convenience known to the trade. As the structures are mainly of concrete and iron, every sanitary advantage is afforded. The power house of the plant, which is 40 by 60 feet, also generates electric lighting. There is also a two-story warehouse, 30 by 50 feet, and the covered yards and sheds for the handling of the cattle cover an area of 300 by 89 feet. The most approved methods of artificial refrigeration are in use, the cellars and great coolers giving ample assurance that all meat products will be handled with every safeguard as to cleanliness and general sanitary conditions. The output of the plant amounts to two carloads of live stock daily, or to 5,000 head of cattle, 18,000 of hogs and 7,500 of sheep and lambs, annually. A large trade is also done in manufactured meats, for which the city of Erie and the towns along the Pittsburg and Eastern and the Bessemer railroads furnish the main markets.

In 1906 the business was incorporated as the Schaffner Brothers Company, with Morris Schaffner as president, Jacob Schaffner as treasurer and Milton Schaffner as secretary. The head of the company is a native of Hehsloch, Hessen, Germany, born on the 28th of November, 1866, and is a son of Henry and Regina (Sedel) Schaffner. The father, who was a butcher, died in the old country in 1893, at the age of fifty-six years, and in 1898 the mother came to Erie to reside, being still living there in her sixty-ninth year. In 1881, as a boy of fourteen, Morris Schaffner came to this country alone, joined some friends in Cleveland, and two years later opened a small butcher shop. In 1884 his brother Jacob emigrated to the United States and the two became associated in Cleveland, as stated, under the name of Schaffner Brothers. He is now the guiding force in the Schaffner Brothers Company, as well as president of the National Commission Company of Cleveland, vice president of the Fostoria (Ohio) Commission Company and a director of the

Presque Oil and Gas Company. Like the majority of leading citizens who have combined for the general advancement of Erie, he is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and, in accord with his special property interests, he is also closely identified with the work of the South Erie Improvement Association. Further, Mr. Schaffner is well known as a member of the Cleveland Commercial Travelers' Association, Erie Maennerchor, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights and Ladies of Honor. His firm religious faith is that of his fathers, and from 1903 to 1908 he served as president of the Jewish congregation of Erie. On November 28, 1886, Mr. Schaffner married Miss Carrie Schuster, of Buffalo, New York, and the children born to them were as follows: Milton, now secretary of the Schaffner Brothers Company; Alfred, a salesman in the employ of that corporation; and Minnie, living at home.

Jacob Schaffner, treasurer of the Schaffner Brothers Company and one of the founders of its large business, was born in Hessen, Germany, on January 4, 1868, and came to the United States in 1884, as already stated. It was at that time that he associated himself with his brother Morris in the establishment of the small butcher shop in Cleveland which was the forerunner of the present great establishment in Erie. Mr. Schaffner is an honored member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights and Ladies of Honor and of the Cleveland Commercial Travelers' Association, and has long been an active trustee of the Jewish congregation of Erie. His wife was formerly Miss Sarah Oppenheimer, of Erie, and he is the father of Henry and Helen Schaffner.

Gustav F. Brevillier. In this volume there is perhaps no history which serves to illustrate more clearly the force of determination and persistent purpose in enabling one to rise from a humble financial position to affluence than does the record of Gustav F. Brevillier, who for many years was a prominent business man of the city but is now living retired, enjoying the respect, confidence, good will and honor of all with whom he has been associated through business, political or social relations. A native of Germany, Gustav F. Brevillier was born on the 8th of September, 1830, in Lichtenfels, Bavaria. His father, Alexander Brevillier, now deceased, was of Huguenot stock. The ancestors of the family, upon the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685, were driven out of France and took refuge in Germany, locating in the city of Frankfort, where they became engaged in extensive business and banking enterprises. Alexander Brevillier was united in marriage to Miss Christiane Koch and they removed to Hildburghausen, Thuringia, in 1840, and in 1854 came to this country with their son, Frederick.

Gustav F. Brevillier continued his education in the common and high schools of Thuringia until 1846, after which he spent two years in the Polytechnic Institute at Vienna, Austria. Favorable reports reached him concerning the business opportunities of the new world and in 1848 he came to the United States, where he expected to find employment as a draughtsman or civil engineer. After traveling to several different cities and failing to secure a position in the line of his profession, he determined to learn a trade. He was at that time in the city of Reading, Pennsylvania, and he took up the task of acquainting himself with the manufacture of soap. There he worked as a soap-maker until the autumn of 1852, when he decided to seek his fortune further west and came to the city of Erie. Here he made a permanent location and soon embarked

in business on his own account, engaging in the manufacture of soap and candles on a small scale, his place of business being located at the corner of Holland and Sixth streets. The business grew from year to year and within a decade had assumed large proportions, having become one of the profitable productive enterprises of the city.

Mr. Brevillier continued in the trade until 1871, when failing health forced him to retire from active business and, taking his family with him, he went to Europe, where he remained for four years, visiting the scenes and friends of his early youth. He was always a progressive and thorough business man and was among the first manufacturers of Erie to utilize natural gas for heating and illuminating purposes. He displayed intelligent appreciation of opportunities and carried forward to successful termination whatever he undertook, realizing that determined industry and perseverance will eventually win the desired end.

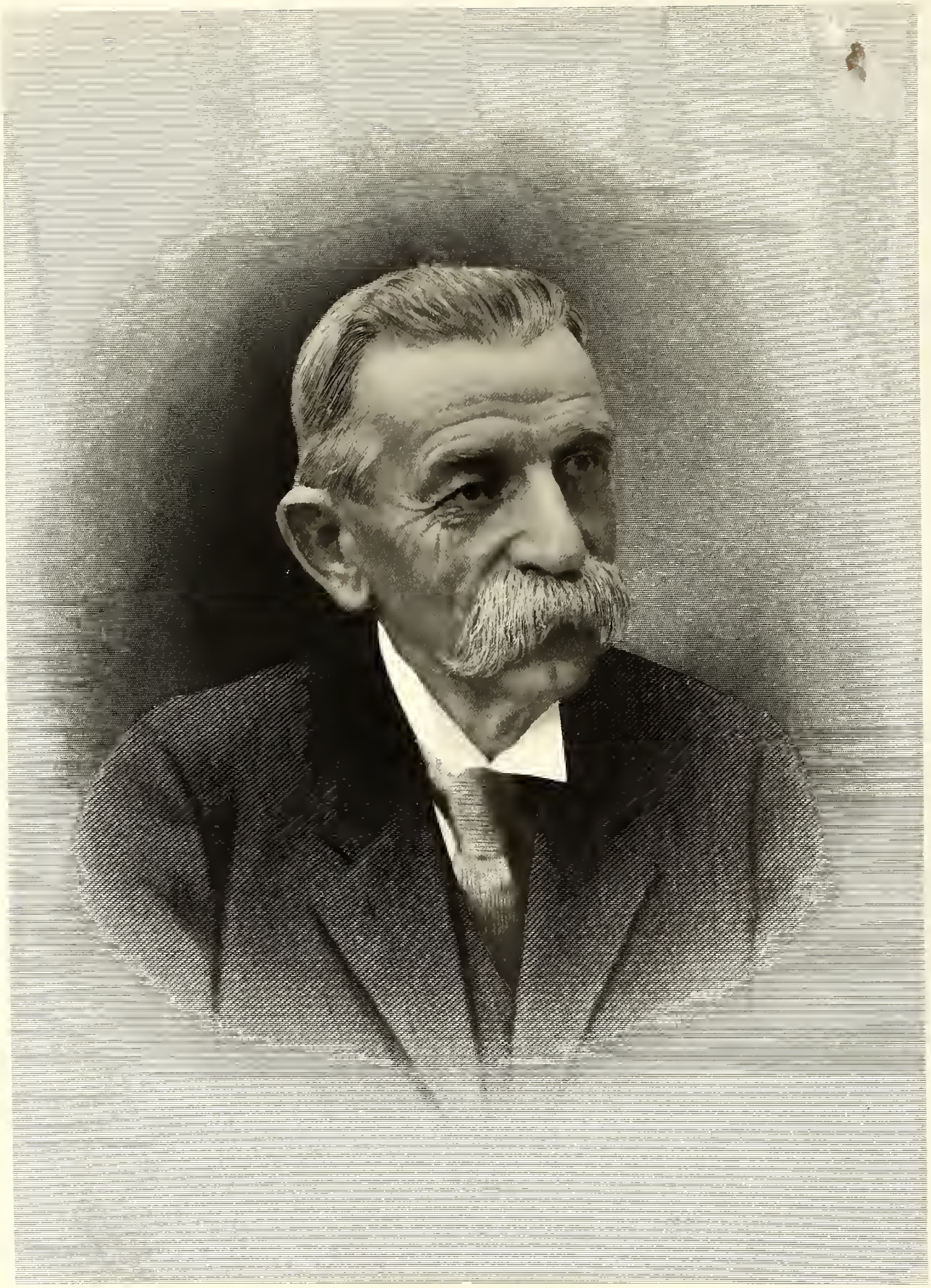
In Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1854, Mr. Brevillier was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Stuebner, who was born in Gera, Germany, April 30, 1832, and died in Erie on the 15th of August, 1886, at the age of fifty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Brevillier were the parents of the following named: Henry L., born August 30, 1855, is one of Erie's prominent citizens and is serving his second term as protho-notary of Erie county. He married Elise Eichhorn, of Erie, by whom he has the following children: Johanna Catherine, who was born July 28, 1880, and died October 23, 1880; Gustav H., born September 9, 1882; Alexander F., whose birth occurred February 24, 1885, and who married Miss Mary Emeline Foster on the 26th of October, 1908. Louise, the second child of our subject, was born November 20, 1856, and became the wife of Emil Beyer, of Erie, by whom she has the following children: Edmund, whose natal day was April 23, 1891, and who passed away December 3, 1899; and Arthur, born April 15, 1893. Hedwig, whose birth occurred on the 5th of June, 1858, passed away on the 12th of June, 1858. Anna, born May 1, 1859, was called to her final rest on the 11th of April, 1901. She was the wife of Frederick Nick, of Erie, and became the mother of the following children: Frederick, Jr., born October 7, 1882; Edwin, March 10, 1885; Louise April 20, 1887; Charlotte, who was born February 25, 1891, and died February 28, 1894; one who died in infancy, being born on the 28th of August, 1893, and passing away two days later; and Elsie, who was born January 8, 1893. Emma, whose birth occurred February 9, 1861, died on the 25th of August of the same year. Emma, the second of the name, was born February 7, 1862, and was called to the home beyond on the 23d of December, 1900. She gave her hand in marriage to Edward C. Siegel and had one child: Herbert B., born May 20, 1896. Ida, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 3d of November, 1863, passed away at Plymouth, England, July 17, 1871. Jennie, whose birth occurred July 27, 1866, became the wife of Fred A. Siegel, of Erie, by whom she had two sons, Raymond F. born November 14, 1897, and Harry S., born July 1, 1901. Gustav, who was born January 7, 1868, died on the 3d of August of the same year.

Mr. Brevillier has been very prominent in the public life of Erie and has filled a number of offices of honor, trust and responsibility, always discharging the duties incumbent upon him in a most capable manner, ever placing the general welfare before partisanship or personal aggrandizement. He was a member of the school board from 1858 until 1861 and again from 1863 until 1866. The following year he became a member of the city council and filled the office for two years, while in

1888 he was chosen city assessor and from 1889 until 1896 was city comptroller. The last office which he filled was that of water commissioner, his incumbency continuing from 1900 until 1906. His devotion to duty was most marked and his service was characterized by an intelligent understanding of the needs of the situation and the opportunities for municipal progress. He is a member of the Erie Board of Trade and of Perry Lodge, No. 392, A. F. & A. M. He has been conspicuously useful in public affairs and in all the multiplied activities of his fruitful life his energies, means and influence have been thrown upon the side of justice, truth and progress. He is a man of broad mind, of kindly purposes and high ideals, with whom contact means elevation and expansion.

Daniel G. Curtis. The Curtis family has been prominently connected with the development of the lumbering and tanning industries of New York and Pennsylvania for several generations, Daniel G. Curtis, of Erie, having devoted the past fourteen years of his career to the acquisition and promotion of extensive timber interests in British Columbia, California and the southern states; and this is his high standing in the business world, although he has but just entered his thirty-ninth year. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Warren, April 19, 1871, and is a son of John Gould and Mary (Chambers) Curtis. The grandfather, John Curtis, was born in Connecticut, where, for many years, he was engaged in the tanning trade. John G. Curtis, the father, is a native of Newtown, that state, where he learned the tanner's trade under his father and also served his apprenticeship as a machinist. While still a young man he, with his two brothers, went to Steuben county, New York, and engaged in lumbering and tanning to such advantage that the scene of their operations was named the town of Curtis. After disposing of his interests in the combined venture John G. located at Maunch Chunk, Pennsylvania, where he became superintendent of a large tannery. Later, he purchased an interest in a tannery at Emporium, that state, and subsequently moved to Warren and Ludlow, at the latter place engaging in the lumber business in which he is still interested, although since 1907 he has been a resident of Erie.

Daniel G. Curtis was reared at Ludlow, residing there from an early age until his eighteenth year, when he went to the Pacific coast and for three and a half years engaged in various lines of railroad work. In 1892 he returned to Ludlow and incorporated The J. G. Curtis Leather Company, of which he was chosen president. In 1895 the business was absorbed by the J. G. Curtis Leather Company of New Jersey, its founder relinquishing his interests and returning to San Francisco for the purpose of investing in timber lands on the Pacific coast. This business move has resulted in his acquisition of large tracts of sugar pine and red wood timber in California and valuable properties in British Columbia, as well as extensive lumber and timber interests in Mississippi and Alabama. At the present time he is president of the Pacific Slope Lumber Company, Limited; Yellow Cedar Lumber Company, Limited, and a director in the Tide-water Timber Company, Limited, with headquarters at Vancouver, British Columbia. The extent and importance of his southern interests are indicated by the fact that he is president of the American Timber Company of Alabama and the Tuscaloosa Lumber Company, of the same state; is vice president of the Interstate Lumber Company, of Columbus, Mississippi, of which his father is president, and treasurer of The Curtis-Attala Lumber Company, of Curtiston, Alabama.



C M Conrad

In October, 1906, Mr. Curtis fixed his residence at Erie, from which he directs his varied interests and where he is also recognized as a popular and influential citizen. He is a director in the People's Bank of Erie, and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Erie, Country, Khakwa and Shrine clubs. As a Mason, he belongs to Tyrian Lodge, Mount Olivet Commandery, Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburg Consistory and Zem Zem Temple. Mr. Curtis' wife is a native of Spring Creek, Pennsylvania, and was formerly Miss Jennie Eldred, daughter of Byron Eldred. Their children are John Gould and Harriet Eldred Curtis.

CHARLES M. CONRAD. The great empire of Germany has contributed a most valuable element to the cosmopolitan social fabric of our American republic, which has had much to gain and nothing to lose from this source. Among those of German birth and ancestry who have attained to success and precedence in connection with business activities in the city of Erie is Mr. Conrad, who is a citizen of sterling character, honored by all who know him and influential in both civic and commercial life. It is, indeed, a "far cry" from the position of the German immigrant boy standing on the market place in what was then the village of Erie to peddle from his baskets such vegetables as his worthy mother had provided for such disposition,—to the status of one of the most prominent capitalists and influential business men of the city in which his career was thus initiated under most lowly conditions. It is the glory of our republic that such personal advancement is possible of accomplishment, and no man is more appreciative of the advantages of the land of his adoption and none more loyal to its institutions than is the honored citizen whose name heads this biography.

Charles M. Conrad, president of the Erie Brewing Company, was born in the province of Rheinpfalz, Germany, on the 26th of February, 1841. In 1849, his mother came with her two sons, Louis and Charles M., aged respectively ten and eight years, to America, together with her mother, her father, Joseph J. Conrad, having come in the preceding year, taking up his residence in Erie, which was then a small village. The widowed mother and her two boys landed in New York City, whence they proceeded by boat up the Hudson to Albany, from which point they went on to Buffalo by the newly completed railroad. While in Albany the devoted mother, unfamiliar with the language or customs of the country, was robbed of what little money she had, and when the little party of four reached Erie they were penniless. From Buffalo they came to Erie on the old side-wheel steamer "Diamond." Upon their arrival they found shelter in the modest little home of Henry Hechtman, by whom the grandfather was employed in the capacity of bookkeeper. This worthy pioneer business man granted to the mother and her two boys the use of the upper story of his log house, which stood on the southeast corner of Third and French streets, and directly across the street from which was the old Franklin House, a pioneer tavern. On the top floor of this hotel building was located the first lodge room of the Masonic fraternity in this section of the state. The question in providing for the maintenance of her family was the all important one which confronted Mrs. Conrad, and with all of solicitude and devotion she made recourse to the best expedient that offered. She engaged in gardening on a modest scale, and Charles M., to whom this sketch is

dedicated, was able to lend his aid in the work and also in placing the products on sale. Equipped with two large baskets, filled with attractive vegetables, he stood on the old market place in Central Park and peddled the contents of his hampers to the citizens of the village. A few years after coming to Erie Mrs. Conrad was united in marriage to Jacob Fuess, who owned what was known as the Fuess brewery, and thereafter the burdens resting upon the shoulders of this noble and intelligent woman were lightened. Soon after the marriage Charles M. Conrad went to work for his step-father, with whom his relations were ever most agreeable, and from that time to the present the National brewery, with its various changes in name and with the improvements made from time to time to keep the plant up to modern standards, has been largely in the hands of Mr. Conrad. Upon the death of Mr. Fuess, in 1863, Mr. Conrad, who was then twenty-two years of age, became associated with his mother in continuing the brewery business, of which he assumed entire charge and whose interests he signally advanced by his able and progressive management. As the business expanded in scope and importance, the plant was enlarged and otherwise improved, to meet the constantly increasing demands placed upon it, and finally, in 1895, the entire institution was remodeled. All of the frame buildings were replaced by substantial and attractively designed structures of brick, stone and iron, and the latest improved machinery and accessories were installed throughout the entire plant, which is the largest in this section of the state and which constitutes an imporant contribution to the industrial activities of Erie. About the time of this rebuilding of the plant Mr. Conrad also engaged in the manufacturing of malt and brewers' supplies, in which department of his business he built up a successful enterprise, which so continued until the combinations effected by the leading interests in this line of industry rendered the competition so great as to make such individual enterprises unprofitable, and Mr. Conrad accordingly withdrew. Upon the consolidation of all of the brewing plants in Erie under the corporate title of the Erie Brewing Company, April 1, 1899, Mr. Conrad became president of this great local corporation, of which he has since continued the executive head, and to the administration of whose affairs he brings the fine forces of discrimination, long experience and distinctive business acumen. He is also interested in other local enterprises of important order and is president of two or more industrial concerns outside of his home city. His energy and progressive ideas have led him to make judicious investments of his capital and through his well directed efforts and financial co-operation he has done much to forward the upbuilding and progress of his home city, to which his fealty is unwavering, since he fully appreciates the fact that here he has risen from obscurity to a position of independence as a capitalist and representative business man.

In politics Mr. Conrad gives his allegiance to the Republican party, though he has never had aught of ambition for public office. His only official service was as a member of the common council of Erie, a position of which he was incumbent for one term, but every public enterprise and worthy measure projected for the general good is certain to receive his co-operation and definite support. He is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Board of Trade, has attained to the thirty-second degree in Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, besides which he is identified with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of

the Mystic Shrine, and the Shrine Club, maintained by members of the last mentioned branch of the Masonic fraternity.

Within the years of his residence in Erie Mr. Conrad has witnessed the rise of the city from the status of a village to that of a fine industrial community of seventy thousand population. When he came here as a boy from the German fatherland Erie was an obscure lake port, and to-day it is one of the busy and important ports on the great inland seas, to whose commerce it contributes much, the while it holds precedence as one of the most important manufacturing cities of the fine old Keystone state. It can not but be a matter of pride to Mr. Conrad to realize that he has contributed his quota to the development of his home city, where he is known as a man of genuine public spirit and as one of those ever to be depended upon for influence and tangible aid in the support of all that tends to advance the general welfare. He has guided his life upon the strictest principles of integrity and honor and the indubitable evidence of this is that offered by the confidence and regard in which he is held in the community which has represented his home from his boyhood days.

On the 26th of June, 1867, Mr. Conrad was united in marriage to Dorothy Diefenbach, who was born and reared in Erie and who was a daughter of the late Charles Diefenbach, an honored pioneer of this county. Mrs. Conrad was summoned to the life eternal on the 22d of January. 1882, and is survived by five children, namely: Catherine, who is the wife of Frederick A. Brevillier, secretary of the Erie Brewing Company; Ida, who is the wife of Arthur Brevillier, secretary and treasurer of the Morse Iron Works, of Erie; and Dora, Flora and Clara, who remain at the parental home. On the 9th of March, 1886, Mr. Conrad married Sophia Siegel, daughter of the late Cassimer Siegel, a pioneer business man and representative citizen of Erie. Mrs. Conrad presides with gracious dignity over the beautiful family home and is most popular in the social circles of the community in which she has lived from the time of her nativity.

James Nelson Thayer, proprietor of the extensive business of O. C. Thayer & Son, is one of the well-known citizens of Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. Thayer was born in this city, September 15, 1864, son of the late Oscar Cornelius Thayer, for many years one of Erie's most successful business men. Oscar Cornelius Thayer was born at Bennington, Vermont, September 3, 1827, of English descent, the Thayer family having been established in America during Colonial days by two brothers who came from England and settled in Vermont. Members of the family participated in the Revolutionary war and otherwise demonstrated their worth as citizens and pioneers. The great-grandfather of James N. was Simeon Thayer. He was a native of Vermont, as also was his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Experience Nelson. Their son Nelson, born at Bennington, Vermont, married Lucretia Elwell, a native of the "Green Mountain State" and a daughter of Chauncy Elwell, of English descent. The children of Nelson Thayer were: Mary Jane, who married Lafayette Hamlen of Bennington, where they now reside; Oscar C., father of James N.; Martha, deceased, was the wife of J. H. Cushman; Caroline, widow of W. C. Riddell, Buffalo, New York; a son who died in childhood; Edward, who served in the 14th Vermont Regiment of Infantry, as First Lieutenant, during the Civil war, died a few years thereafter; a son who died in childhood; Harvey H., a resident of

Buffalo, New York; Ellen E., widow of Robert K. Hughes; Corinna, widow of James Meacham, resides at Bennington, Vermont; Emily widow of Enos Gould, lives at Buffalo, New York; and Dexter, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Oscar C. Thayer had the advantage of a good education in his native town, Bennington, where he remained until about twenty-one years of age, when he left the old home and sought his fortune in the lumber regions of Michigan. In the spring of 1853 he came to Erie, Pennsylvania, and on settling in this city he engaged in the manufacture of what is known as stoneware, having a factory on the old canal at Third street. Later, he engaged in the oil business at Sixteenth and French streets, where he manufactured refined and lubricating oils. Subsequently, he sold this business to the Standard Oil Company, after which he established large plants in the same line of business at Utica and Rome, New York, and conducted operations at both places until 1902, when he again sold out to the Standard Oil Company. During the above period he maintained his residence at Erie, and here he passed the last three years of his life in retirement. He died January 31, 1905. His whole business career was marked by signal success, and he left a large estate.

Oscar C. Thayer's wife was before her marriage Miss Anna Hughes. She was born in Erie, daughter of James Hughes, late of Erie. Thomas Hughes, her grandfather, was a pioneer of Erie and was closely identified with the early history of the city. He was born in Ireland in 1766; emigrated to this country in 1787, and located at Pittsburg, where he followed his trade of brick layer and stone mason. In 1795 he came to Erie with the troops to assist in erecting the garrison and fort at this point, and built a chimney at the fort, which chimney, being a smoky one, was the source of much annoyance to Gen. Anthony Wayne, when that distinguished general was languishing in his bed of fatal sickness. The General, upon learning the identity of the builder of the smoky chimney, ordered him under arrest, saying, "I will have you shot, sir." Officers interceded for Mr. Hughes, and he lived to help dig General Wayne's grave. Thomas Hughes built the first brick house in Erie, and helped to build Erie county's first court house. In 1810 he erected a carding and fulling mill on the west bank of Mill Creek, close to the lake shore, which he operated until it was destroyed by fire in 1824. During that period he also manufactured brick and lime. After 1824 he removed to his farm in McKean township, Erie county, where he lived until 1833, that year returning to Erie, and there spending the closing years of his life in retirement from active duties. He died March 14, 1837. In January 1804, he married Martha Richards, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1786, but at the time of marriage was living in Union township, Erie county. She bore him nine sons and a daughter: John, James, Jane, Alexander, Thomas, Robert, William, George W., Perry and David R. Both Thomas Hughes and his wife were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder from the time of its organization until his death. His widow died August 18, 1847. James Hughes, son of Thomas, was born in Erie, December 3, 1806. Soon after he attained his majority he was appointed postmaster of Erie. Later he engaged successfully in merchandising in this city, which business he carried on until 1859, when he retired. January 31, 1833, he married Emily Carmack, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Cummings) Carmack. Jacob Carmack was a captain in the war of 1812, while John

Cummings, father of Mrs. Jacob Carmack, served as a captain in the Revolutionary war. Following are the children of James Hughes and wife: Anna, mother of James N. Thayer; Martha J., deceased; Emily, wife of R. H. Thayer of Buffalo; and Robert K., James C., William and Thomas, all deceased; and they had two other children that died in infancy.

James Nelson Thayer was educated in the Erie schools, and is a graduate of the high school with the class of 1885. After his graduation, he took charge of the stoneware business, which his father has established and carried on all the time he was engaged in other lines of industry. This stoneware business was closed out in 1894, at which time the business of manufacturing wall plaster and the dealing in general builders' supplies, such as lime, cement, fire brick, etc., was established at Chestnut street and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, under the firm name of O. C. Thayer, of which James N. is now the sole proprietor. Mr. Thayer is also interested in other manufacturing plants, three of which are among the important ones of Erie. He is a prominent member of the National Builders Supply Association, of which he served several years as treasurer, and at one time as an executive officer.

Mr. Thayer married Rebecca Sarah Warner, who was born in Erie, daughter of the late W. S. Warner, a leading dry goods merchant of Erie, for many years, and one of the founders of the well-known firm of Warner Bros. of to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer have one son, Oscar Cornelius. Mr. Thayer is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

John Scarlett. For more than a quarter of a century the late John Scarlett was one of Erie's leading citizens, from a business standpoint, in view of his public enterprise and in the light of his activities in religious and charitable movements. He was an Englishman, born at Liverpool in 1848, son of John Scarlett. The grandfather was a man of considerable scientific attainments and unbounded enthusiasm, being so much a pioneer in his studies and investigations that some time in the forties he sunk his fortune in electrical experiments. Afterward he migrated with his family to Hamilton, Canada, where he died in 1857 and his widow four years later. As the son John Scarlett was but nine years of age at the time of his father's death, but the oldest of the children, he became a bread-winner at that early age, and, with the mastery of the carpenter's trade, his road to independence was assured. As quite a young man he became a resident of New York City, where he followed that avocation and married Miss Anna Bell, a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, but a resident of the United States since early girlhood. The young couple commenced housekeeping on the heights of Jersey City, New Jersey, and while the husband was busily at work in New York City as a carpenter, the wife conducted the small store which was opened in front of their living rooms. Such thrift resulted in the accumulation of a little capital, so that when Mr. Scarlett located at Erie in 1876 he opened the "New York Tea Store," at No. 2 Noble (now Penn) block. In 1885 he removed to even more pretentious quarters at No. 5, same block, occupying them until the destruction of the building by fire in 1890. In that year he erected the fine brick block at Nos. 909-11 State street, which is still occupied by the Scarlett store. The gradual and remarkable growth of the business founded by John Scarlett and developed by him and his sons, William J., Robert H., David, Joseph and

Theodore, are indicated by the following facts. The first branch store was established, in 1886, at No. 1718 Peach street, and the second at No. 1002 Parade street, in 1889. In 1892 the elder Mr. Scarlett erected the Scarlett block at 1004 Parade street, and established the store there which was the beginning of the wholesale part of the business. In 1895 another branch was opened at No. 402 West Eighteenth street, this store being closed out in 1908. In 1896 the founder of the business retired from the active management of the retail stores, giving most of his attention to the wholesale branch.

Outside of his business relations, John Scarlett was a man of wide, strong and good influence. He was a Mason in fine standing, being a member of Perry Lodge, and was actively identified with other organizations. But outside the interests of his business and his beloved family, his deepest concern was for the welfare and growth of the United Presbyterian church, in which, for many years, he was a trustee and the treasurer, holding both at the time of his death July 2, 1902. The deceased left a widow and seven children, sketches of the latter following in the order of their birth.

William J. Scarlett, president of the John Scarlett Company, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on the 17th of February, 1874. Educated in the Erie public schools, while still in the early period of his youth he entered his father's business, and upon its incorporation in February, 1907, he was elected president. Theodore L. is first vice president, David D. second vice president, Joseph E. secretary and Robert H. treasurer, these officers also forming the board of directors. In 1904 the sons of Mr. Scarlett purchased the old established business of John Schultz, and opened another branch at that location. In the spring of 1905 they bought the grocery and meat privileges at Exposition Park, Conneaut Lake. The wholesale business is now conducted at Nos. 909-11 State street. In 1909 they bought the grocery and meat concession at Chautauqua Assembly grounds, New York. It will thus be seen that the presidency of the John Scarlett Company is weighted with heavy responsibilities, only to be carried by a man of thorough experience and pronounced business abilities, such as its present head. Mr. Scarlett is also an active director of the People's Bank and the Erie Chamber of Commerce, having served as second vice president of the latter in 1908. He is a married man, his wife being in her maiden days Miss Margaret Mehaffey, daughter of Robert Mehaffey, a resident of Erie.

Robert H. Scarlett, treasurer of the John Scarlett Company, is a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, born June 7, 1875. He received his education in the Erie schools and obtained his business training in his father's stores. His wife was Miss Sarah, daughter of John Schabacker, of Erie.

David, the second vice president, was born in Erie March 18, 1872, and obtained his education in the public schools of the city, while Rufus B., the fourth son, is a graduate of the Erie high school and of the medical department of the U. of P., and is practicing his profession in Philadelphia. Joseph, secretary of the John Scarlett Company, is a native of Erie, born December 20, 1874, and Theodore L., first vice president, was born in that city June 11, 1882, is a high school graduate and is married to Miss Edith, daughter of John Burton, of Erie. Hunter W., the youngest, is also designed for the medical profession. He is a native of Erie; a graduate from the regular literary course of the University of

Pennsylvania in the class of 1907, and now a sophomore in the medical department of that institution.

William Scriven, a prosperous merchant and well-known business man of Erie, was born in 1872, at Niles, Ohio, and is the son of Joseph and Helen Scriven, both natives of England. They were the parents of a large family, and being in only moderate circumstances, were unable to provide for them as they wished, in the matter of education and start in life. William Scriven had an ambitious nature, and resolved to make for himself a recognized place among his fellow men, and to that end took advantage of every opportunity offered him for his mental and financial improvement. Being possessed of a strong determination, he has succeeded very well in accomplishing his undertakings, but he has the hope of continuing to improve his condition in life, from time to time, as he is able to do, and keeps before him the thought of progress and improvement, knowing there is always a chance for those to advance who have the required zeal and courage. He has been a citizen of Erie since 1889, engaging in the meat business, in which he has enjoyed a large patronage, and has been for five years at his present location. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Scriven married, in 1888, Louise Knaf.

Julius C. Knoll. For nearly eighty years three generations of the Knoll family have been strong assistants in the progress of the industries of the city of Erie, and have well sustained the industrious and honorable character of their German countrymen. Julius C. Knoll, of this biography, is a native of the Third ward of the city of Erie, born March 7, 1858, and is a son of Frank and Eva Marie (Emling) Knoll. The family was transplanted from Germany about 1830 by Irvin, grandfather of Julius C., who came to Erie and became one of its leading citizens. He was both an able mechanic and business man, being a pioneer both as a distiller and a manufacturer of oil cloths. Later, he became interested in one of the early breweries, and was also successful in that enterprise. His son, Frank, for several years had charge of the Lake Shore Railroad freight depot, and his life was bright with promise when it was cut short by death when it had only covered twenty-nine years. He died in 1862, his widow (a native of Germany) residing in Erie until her decease in 1899, at the age of fifty-eight years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knoll were: Anna, who married Philip Kessel and resides in Buffalo, New York; Frank and Jacob, both deceased; Julius C., of this sketch; and Barbara, who married John Winston, a resident of Erie.

Julius C. Knoll has spent his life as a resident of Erie, and began to be a useful force in it at a very early age. After a few years of schooling in the city institutions, at the age of twelve he commenced work in the old Erie Car Works while they were being operated by the Davenports. He was apt, industrous and faithful, rising finally to the superintendency of the bolt department. In December, 1894, he associated himself with William Hamilton, an expert iron worker and an able business man, who five years before succeeded his father as superintendent of the plant. When Messrs. Knoll and Hamilton came into possession the works had just been destroyed by fire, but they were soon rebuilt on a larger and more modern scale. The business was incorporated under the former name of Erie Car Works in 1898, with Mr. Hamilton as president and Mr. Knoll as vice president. The latter is also interested in the Lippold Valve Company, and is an active member of

the Erie Chamber of Commerce. In his religious faith he is a loyal Roman Catholic and identified with the Knights of Columbus. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Louise Straub, daughter of Captain Andrew Straub, and, like Mr. Knoll, is a native of Erie. Their children are as follows: Lillie, who married Charles Burk, of Erie, and Elmer, employed in the Erie Car Works.

H. H. Foringer, M. D. A well-known member of the medical fraternity once said: "It is the actual force of character that makes success, rather than an adaptation. There is a certain inherent force in every one that can make some success in anything he undertakes to follow. There are men with heads large enough to make doctors, but comparatively few with hearts large enough to make great doctors. There is one qualification necessary for a doctor. That is a large, warm, unselfish and loving heart. The man who goes into a sick room with a gentle step and a tender expression, not only in word, but in tone, with a heart filled with loving emotion, has the inborn qualities of a successful physician." These needed qualities are indeed a part of the make-up of Dr. H. H. Foringer, one of the most prominent and popular physicians and surgeons of Erie. A native of this state, he was born, March 24, 1854, at Brady's Bend, Armstrong county, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Barnhart) Forringer, natives of the same county, and descendants of pioneer American families.

Obtaining his preliminary education in the district schools, H. H. Foringer subsequently attended the Edinboro State Normal School. A man of his mental calibre naturally turns towards a professional life, and his choice led him to take up the study of medicine. He began his preparation in Edinboro, in the office of Dr. S. B. Hotchkiss, after which he entered the Western Reserve Medical College, in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was graduated, with the degree of M. D., in 1883. Beginning the practice of his profession in Edinboro, in company with his old preceptor, Dr. Hotchkiss, he remained there a year and a half. Locating then in Middleboro, Pennsylvania, Dr. Foringer built up an excellent practice, remaining there until the winter of 1888 and 1889. Going east at that time, the doctor reviewed his studies in some of the more noted medical colleges, becoming familiar with the more modern methods employed in medicine and surgery, and in the fall of 1889 settled in the city of Erie. In the practice of his profession he has met with distinguished success, and is well worthy of the recognition he has received as one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of this part of the state.

Dr. Foringer married, June 11, 1885, Anna A., daughter of Richard and Lorinda (Strohm) Owen, of Rouseville, Pennsylvania and they have one son, Owen H. Foringer, now of Ann Arbor, Michigan, studying medicine. Fraternally the doctor belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and to the Knights of Pythias. Religiously he and his family are valued members of the Presbyterian church, and liberal contributors towards its support.

Frank M. Wallace is president of the Second National Bank of Erie and vice president of the Pittsburg Coal Company. He is a native of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, born January 11, 1868, and it will therefore be seen that he has attained a high and broad standing in the practical affairs of the country at an age which is but the early period of middle life. He is a son of Dr. Thomas C. and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Wallace, and the grandparents on both sides were natives of county Done-

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gal, Ireland, who came to the United States about 1825. William Wallace and William Hamilton, the grandfathers, also first located near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Butler county. They were farmers in that section of the state. The father (Dr. Wallace) was a native of Butler county and, prior to taking his regular medical lectures, was a student at Prospect (Pa.) Academy. After his graduation from the Cleveland Homeopathic College, he entered practice at Allegheny City, where he continued until the time of his death in 1905, at the age of sixty-four years, his wife passing away December 22, 1891, fifty-two years old.

Mr. Wallace was reared and educated in the public schools of Allegheny City. In 1893, then only twenty-five years of age, he was appointed a national bank examiner, resigning that position after service of five years, to become vice president of the Second National Bank of Erie. Following the death of the late Daniel D. Tracy, on December 9, 1901, Mr. Wallace succeeded to the presidency of the institution, and has since been the active head of its administrative affairs. To these responsibilities were added, in March, 1904, those connected with the treasuryship of the Pittsburg Coal Company, and in April, 1909, Mr. Wallace was chosen vice president of that great corporation. He is an active member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and, as a Mason, is identified with Tyrian Lodge. As an offset to his strenuous life in the fields of finances and business, he is associated with numerous organizations of a social, out-of-door and athletic nature. This list includes the Erie, Kahkwa, Yacht and Country clubs of Erie, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburg, the Pittsburg Athletic Club and the Pennsylvania Society of New York City. But his domestic affairs are, after all, his chief pleasure. His wife was, before marriage, Miss Margaret Shannon, daughter of Henry C. Kelsey, of Erie.

Philip Shade Sr., represents a worthy and prominent family who have been identified with the agricultural life of Greene township for many years. As a lad of eight years he came with his parents from his native land of Germany to the United States in 1836, and coming direct to Greene township in Erie county, Pennsylvania, the family located in the woods near where the West Greene Methodist Episcopal church now stands. There the father, Philip Sr., bought a little farm of ninety acres, cleared his land and spent the remainder of his life, a worthy representative of the sturdy German race. His son Philip, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1828, accumulated one hundred and forty acres of land in Greene township, and he lived on his farm and cultivated its fields until he retired from an active business life and moved to the city of Erie. By his first wife, nee Emily Pillman, he had the following children: Edward and Philander, both deceased, Herman F., Philip J. and Charles. He subsequently married Mary Spade, and she bore him three children, Lewis, Jesse and Emma, while by his third wife, Mary Smith, he had one son, Daniel, who died in infancy.

Herman F. Shade has devoted his entire business career to farming and dairying, and he now owns and operates the farm of one hundred and forty acres which his father cleared and improved and on which he made his home for many years. This pretty home is known as "Shade Villa." On the 30th of March, 1879, he married Nellie Cutter, a daughter of Charles A. Cutter and a granddaughter of Jacob Sawyer and Orpha Anna (Adams) Cutter, natives respectively of Troy and of

Sandy Lake, New York. Jacob S. Cutter served as a soldier in the French and Indian war, and while serving his country he was captured by the Indians and died in captivity. Mrs. Cutter, his widow, came with her children to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1836, and located in Venango township. Charles A. Cutter, one of the children, was born in Troy, New York, March 11, 1834, and when a lad of twelve years he entered upon his career as an agriculturist and farming has been his life's work. On the 25th of December, 1856, he was united in marriage to Sallie Lorena Weed, a descendant of one of the earliest of Greene township's pioneer families, and their children were Perry F., Nellie, Guy F. and Andrew and Jake. both of whom are now deceased. In July of 1862 Charles Cutter enlisted for the Civil war in Company C, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served with his command for two years or until he entirely lost his voice, and he was then with the invalid corps until the 28th of June, 1865. Another two years passed before he regained his speech. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Three children have been born to the union of Herman F. and Nellie Shade,—Ralph G., Eva L. and Harry Andrew, but the only daughter is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Shade and their son Ralph are members of the West Greene Grange, and Mr. Shade is also a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, No. 1143 Samaritan and his wife of its auxiliary, the Rebekahs, while the son Ralph has membership relations with the Royal Order of Moose. It may be added that the elder Mr. Shade served as first master of the West Greene Grange, for two years, and that he has always been esteemed one of its most influential members.

George Dudley Selden, who is president of the Erie City Iron Works, is at the head of one of the largest manufactories of Pennsylvania, having been president for the past fourteen years and wisely guided the business through its most expansive period. He has been identified with the progress of the industry since the days of his youth, and the business energies and abilities of his life are mingled with its advancement and form a large element in the forces which have pushed it along. Born in Erie, April 21, 1847, Mr. Selden is the son of Joseph and the grandson of George Selden, and as his father died when he was but five years of age the boy was received into the home of his uncle, John C. Selden. Completing his education at the Old Erie Academy when nineteen years of age, George D. Selden assumed a subordinate position in the Erie City Iron Works, which establishment then, as now, was controlled by the Selden family. From that time to the present, some forty-three years, he threw the force of his personality into the development of the works, with the natural result of continuous personal advancement. He finally reached the general office of the treasurysship, was then advanced to the vice presidency and in 1895 was promoted to the presidency. Under his skillful, but conservative management, the Erie Iron Works have advanced into the foremost class of Pennsylvania's great industries, and another large addition to the plant is planned for the near future. For many years Mr. Selden was also a director of the First National Bank of Erie, resigning from the board because of his other engrossing duties. He has long been a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and his social activities are identified with the Erie and Kahkwa clubs.

Mr. Selden has always taken a deep interest and wielded a strong influence in the religious and philanthropic movements of Erie. He is president of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church; has been president of the local Young Men's Christian Association for several terms, and is now serving on the state board of that association. Married to Miss Marie Louise Spader, daughter of J. Vanderbilt Spader, of Brooklyn, New York, he is the father of two children—Marie Louise and George Dudley Selden, Jr.

Addison Leech was a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of the old Keystone state, and for many years he played an important part in connection with the industrial and civic life of the city of Erie, where his death occurred on the 10th of April, 1899, and where his widow still maintains her home. His earnest and successful life well entitles him to such tribute as may be perpetuated in the pages of this publication.

He was born at Slippery Rock, Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of February, 1824, and was the fifth child of David and Rhoda (Findley) Leech, both likewise natives of this state. The Leech family traces its genealogy through a long line of sterling English ancestry, and the American branch was founded here in the early colonial epoch of our national history. John Leech, grandfather of Addison, removed from York county, Pennsylvania, and settled near Greenville, Mercer county, where his home locality was named Leech's Corners, in honor of him. He was a surveyor by profession, and in Mercer county he took up a large tract of government land, to which he later added by purchase of other tracts, so that he became one of the extensive landholders of that section of the state. He married Miss Jane Morrison, from Morrison's Cove, near the center of this state, and they became the parents of ten sons and two daughters. John Leech was one of the influential citizens of Mercer county, where he developed extensive farming lands and where both he and his wife continued to reside until their death.

David Leech was reared and educated in Mercer county, and he became one of the representative citizens and business men of that section. He was the founder of the town of Leechburg, Armstrong county, where he established and operated flouring and saw mills, and he was also the head of a transportation company which operated a line of boats on the old canal between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Like his father, David Leech became a skilled civil engineer, according to the standard of his times, and when a young man he came to Erie and assisted in the construction of the old Waterford plank road, the government highway between Erie and Buffalo. Both he and his wife died in Leechburg, and their five sons and one daughter are all now deceased.

Addison Leech gained his early educational training in the common schools of Armstrong county, whither his parents removed when he was about two years of age, and later he was afforded the advantages of Allegheny College, at Meadville. After leaving school he became associated with his father's business operations, and in this connection became an expert at the miller's trade. The Leech mills made an exhibit of their products at the London exposition, and there Addison received a bronze medal for flour which he had made. In 1846 the Franklin Institute, in Philadelphia, conferred upon him a silver medal, for a

similar exhibit. At the inception of the Civil war he tendered his services in defense of the Union. He was appointed assistant commissary with rank of major, with which department he was identified until the close of the great conflict.

After the war Mr. Leech returned to his home in Leechburg, where he continued in business until 1868, the winter of which year he passed in St. Paul, Minnesota. In the meanwhile his brother, William F. Leech, of Philadelphia, at that time identified with the Pennsylvania Railroad, had purchased a grain elevator in Erie for his company, known as the Anchor Line Transportation Company, of which the elevator and the subsequent elevators were a part, and in the spring of 1869 Addison Leech came to this city to assume charge of the elevator business. He became associated in the ownership of the same and was identified with operations here until 1880, when he went to the territory of Dakota and purchased large tracts of wheat lands for his sons,—in what is now the state of North Dakota. Thereafter he passed a portion of each summer in Dakota and his winters at his home in Erie. He found much satisfaction in these annual changes, and he continued to give a general supervision to his various business and capitalistic interests until his death, at the venerable age of seventy-five years.

Mr. Leech was never an aspirant for public office but was loyal to the duties of citizenship and was a stanch adherent of the Republican party. He was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist church. His wife is a devoted member of the St. Paul's Episcopal church. In the city of Erie Mr. Leech was known and honored as a man of marked business ability, unswerving integrity and gracious personality, so that his memory will long be revered in this community.

On January 8, 1852, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Leech to Miss Mary Isabel Watson, of St. Louis, Missouri. She was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and was a child at the time of the family removal to St. Louis, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of John S. and Mary (Reynolds) Watson, the former of whom was born in Lycoming county and the latter in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. The Watson family were numbered among the early settlers of Lycoming county, and the mother of John Smiley Watson was a daughter of Brattan Caldwell, a noted character of that section of the old Keystone state.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Leech are: John Watson Leech, who is connected with the Burke Electric Works, of Erie, married Miss Nellie Clark, and they have one daughter, Marion C.; Miss Mary Reynolds Leech remains with her mother at the attractive family home in Erie; William Findley Leech is a representative farmer and citizen of Cass county, North Dakota; Isadora is the wife of Chester W. Bliss, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and they have three children,—Elizabeth, Addison and Isadora; Addison Leech, Jr., is one of the extensive farmers of Cass, North Dakota, and, like his brother, William F., is a bachelor; Isabella is the wife of Wilson A. Luce, of Sewickley, near the city of Pittsburg, and they have two children,—John Wilson A. Jr., and Addison; Henry Lansing Leech died at the age of ten years; Ella is the wife of Edward D. Whetmore, of Warren, this state; Louise remains at the maternal home and is a popular teacher in the public

schools of Erie, with whose best social life the family has long been identified.

Robert F. Devine president of the Erie Forge Company, who operates one of the most complete iron manufactories of northwestern Pennsylvania, has made success assured at every stage of his career by a thorough preparation for every step he has undertaken. He is complete master of every element of his great industry, from the coal which feeds his huge furnaces to the most complicated engine forging of his fine modern plant. Mr. Devine is a native of the hamlet of Lake Run, located near Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and was born on the 17th of September, 1860. He is a son of Robert and Jeannett (Murray) Devine, natives of Scotland who came to America with their parents when in childhood. After residing about a year in Nova Scotia, the family migrated to Pennsylvania, the father enlisting in the Forty-eight Infantry of that state for service in the Civil war and contracting a fatal attack of pneumonia in 1864.

When he was about eight years of age young Devine went to work in the coal mines of Schuylkill county, as a "breaker boy," and continued identified with the coal mining industry until 1879. Far from satisfied with either his condition or his prospects at this time, the youth abandoned the mines and served an apprenticeship of three years as a mechanic blacksmith in Philadelphia. He worked at his trade for a time in that city; married in 1885, and one month later started for the west with his young wife. They located at Kansas City, where Mr. Devine found employment at once and before long became foreman of the blacksmith department of the Armour Packing Company. Soon he found himself in condition to buy a small home (which, with other property, he still owns in that city), but after several years of profitable employment in the interests of others moved to Seattle, Washington, and established a shop of his own.

In 1895 Mr. Devine returned to the east and entered the Frankfort Steel and Forging Company of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, and at the death of his brother, who was superintendent of the works, he succeeded to the vacancy. In 1903 he organized the company which purchased the Erie Forge Company (limited), and the new concern was incorporated under that name on May 22nd of that year. The incorporators and officers (also the present incumbents) were as follows: Robert F. Devine, president and general manager; G. W. J. Stout, treasurer and general superintendent; A. C. Grove, vice president; Joseph C. Campbell, Charles R. Eckert, J. R. Phillips, Thomas F. Judge, George B. Galey, Elizabeth C. McCoy, Robert McLane, J. G. Mitchell, C. P. Brobeck, C. M. Wallace, H. J. Eckert, E. C. Weir, John Greer and E. J. Schleiter. Hugh C. McLaughlin, secretary and accountant of the company, is the only official who is not among the incorporators. When the newly organized company assumed the old plant it was in very poor condition, but with the addition of modern machinery and new buildings the manufactory is now up-to-date and complete. The power plant is entirely new; a charging machine was installed for the modern open-hearth furnaces; over 800 feet of runway is in operation, as well as four overhead traveling cranes for handling hot metal—two of five tons each, one of fifteen tons and one of forty tons. The employes number two hundred and fifty, nearly all of whom are skilled workmen, and the works

turn out iron and steel forgings, including those for steam, gas and marine engines and for pneumatic and hydraulic machinery, and, as a specialty, crank shafts and connecting rods of from twenty to thirty thousand pounds. Mr. Devine is widely known in the trade as the head of this great metal manufactory, and is also an active member of the Manufacturers' Association, the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade, and the Engineer's Club of New York City. In the secret and benevolent orders he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arcanum, Elks, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Improved Order of Heptasophs.

In 1885 Mr. Devine married Miss Sarah Craig, who was born at Grace Hill, a Moravian settlement in county Antrim, Ireland. Five children were born to this union, as follows: May, who died as an infant of seven months; Robert F., Jr., who was born March 1, 1888, and is a student at the University of Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, born July 25, 1890; Jeannette, born October 29, 1893; and Joseph Craig Devine, born May 8, 1895.

C. W. Horne. Although he has not yet reached his fortieth year, C. W. Horne, of Albion, is in such comfortable circumstances that he is not engaged in active business, although he transacts quiet dealings as a stock broker and is interested in the Dempsey hotel. He is a native of Hagerstown, Pennsylvania, born on the 12th of July, 1870, and is a son of George D. and Mary E. (Terrill) Horne. The father, who died in 1906 at the age of sixty-four, spent all the years of his manhood as a train despatcher of the Erie Railroad and various members of his family have been prominent officials of that corporation. The widow is living in retirement at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and is the mother of C. W. Horne, of this sketch; Edward A., a general storekeeper of the Erie Railroad, residing in New York; Mary F., now the wife of M. T. Foraker, purchasing auditor of the Erie road, at Meadville; and Earl S., assistant to the master mechanic of that road at the same point.

After graduating from the public school course at Meadville, C. W. Horne entered the employ of the Erie Railroad and was a telegraph operator for twelve years. Later, he engaged in the wholesale oil business at Toronto, Canada, and after three years in this employment, located at Pittsburg as a stock broker. He was an active member of the Pittsburg Consolidated Stock and Produce Exchange until 1909. In that year he became a resident of Albion, where, as stated, he is virtually retired from active business, although he is placing his means in not a few profitable channels. His fraternal affiliations are with the Elks lodge of Johnston, and his religious connections are with the Episcopal church. His wife, who was born in Meadville, July 6, 1872, a daughter of Henry and Emeline (Brown) Shafer, bore him one child, Henry, on the 3rd of September, 1896.

William M. Orr, of Girard township, who has been farming for sixty years in the county, is the typical English type of agriculturist —industrious, dependable and not only concerned in his own welfare and those nearest to him, but in the good of the general community. He is a native of Cornwall, England, born August 14, 1833, and is a

son of John and Elizabeth (Handy) Orr. His grandparents were William and Ann Orr, and for many generations the most of the male members of the family in England have been employed in the tin and copper mines of Cornwall. Mr. Orr's grandfather was a miner all his life, and his father followed that occupation until he came to the United States with his family and settled in Washington township, Erie county. From that time until his death he was identified with the soil as a farmer. Mr. Orr's mother was a daughter of Nicholas Handy, who came to the United States with his daughter, her husband and family, in 1841, settling in Washington township, and built the first log house in their neighborhood, known as Ash Corners. The first year spent by the Orrs and Handys in Erie county was one of many hardships, their food consisting almost entirely of the scant crop of corn and potatoes which was raised from their small clearing. The winter was also so bitter cold that it was no unusual thing to wake up in the morning and find the bedsteads and bedding decorated with glistening icicles.

William M. Orr was reared in Washington township, attending district school with more or less regularity until he was seventeen years of age. From that time until he was thirty he was employed on the paternal farm, and then purchased a homestead in Franklin township whose development occupied him for thirty years. In 1907 he bought the sixty-four acre tract in Girard township, which he is now cultivating with his old time thoroughness. In connection with his successful agricultural enterprises of these many years he has also served his townships in many public capacities, evincing in his official business the same faithfulness and practical judgment which have been displayed in the management of his private affairs. In politics, he has always been a Republican.

In 1864 Mr. Orr married Miss Lucy Fellows, daughter of William and Deborah (Fuller) Fellows, the former being a native of New York state and the latter of Massachusetts. Mrs. Orr was born in Livingston county, New York, August 4, 1832, and was seven years of age when the family settled in Washington township. Her father died in 1873, at the age of seventy-four and her mother in 1875, eighty years old. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William M. Orr. Charles, born January 1, 1869, is a farmer of Franklin township, married Miss Emma Alford and is the father of one child, Donald. Lynn is a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, married Miss Emma Kidd and has one child. Nelson and Wilda are both living with their parents. Mr. Orr has one sister living—Elizabeth, wife of Morris Fritz of Platea, this county. One brother and two sisters of Mrs. Orr survive, viz: Charles Fellows, a resident of Corry, Pennsylvania; and Alliff, widow of William Putnam of Edinboro, and Mina, widow of W. Sherwood, a farmer of Washington township.

G. W. F. Sherwin was one of Erie county's representative citizens and was closely identified with many of its important interests. He was born on a farm near Harbor Creek in this county, July 12, 1831, his parents being Dr. Ira and Sarah (Wilson) Sherwin. The father was a native of Windsor county, Vermont, and a graduate of the Castleton Medical College of that state. At an early day he came to this county,

settling in Harbor Creek township, where he followed the occupation of farming and was also engaged in the practice of medicine for many years. He likewise taught three terms in the first schoolhouse built in the township and was closely associated with the material development and substantial progress of the region. His wife (nee Sarah Wilson) was born in Erie county, August 10, 1800, and was a daughter of William and Sarah (Barr) Wilson, who were natives of Mifflin county, this state, and became pioneer residents of Erie county. The children of Dr. Wilson's family who remained in this county were, G. W. F. Sherwin and the Misses Josephine B. and M. F. Sherwin, the latter two still living in Harbor Creek.

G. W. F. Sherwin spent his youthful days on the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturalist. His early education was acquired in the district schools and was supplemented by study in the Erie Academy, after which he pursued a mathematical course in Kingsville (Ohio) Academy. Subsequently he took up the profession of civil engineering, turning his attention to that work in 1846. He followed it in the summer seasons, while in the winter months he engaged in teaching school. In 1850 he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he engaged in surveying for the North Missouri Railroad and later for the Belleville & Alton road. He made the first soundings for a bridge over the Missouri river for the Alton & St. Louis Railroad and was chosen engineer in charge for that line. His labors in the middle west in connection with railroad building were of a very important character and brought him prominently before the public in his professional relation. In 1854 he was made assistant superintendent and paymaster of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, filling that position until 1855, when he resigned to resume the private practice of his profession, in which connection he laid out Sioux City, Iowa, and Niobrara, Nebraska. In the latter town there were two thousand Indians living at the time. Throughout the period of his residence in the west he was a factor in the substantial development and in progress along intellectual and other lines. He was chosen one of the original eleven trustees of the Iowa Agricultural College and was twice elected county judge of Cherokee county, Iowa.

Upon the death of his father Mr. Sherwin returned to Erie and remained here to settle up the estate. Here he was called to public office, being elected county surveyor, in which position he served for three years, while for five years he was city engineer and three terms water commissioner, acting as president of the board during the last year of his incumbency in that office. During his term as commissioner the department advocated and introduced many needed reforms and remodeled the pumping station. After his retirement from office Mr. Sherwin was engaged as chief engineer in the conduct of several enterprises, the most important being the construction of the Franklin and North East water works. He also made the survey of Corry and established all the land marks and corners. He possessed marked ability in his chosen field of labor, being widely recognized as one of the most capable civil engineers in this part of the state. He died in 1887.

On the 30th of January, 1861, Mr. Sherwin was married to Miss Jennie Moorehead, a daughter of Colonel James M. Moorehead, of Harbor Creek township, Erie county. They became parents of five children but only two are living, M. F. and James M. While Mr Sherwin was widely known as a most capable and successful civil engineer, in which

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connection he did much important public service, he also deserved the gratitude of the community for his labors in lines of general improvement and progress. He was the founder of the boys' branch of the local Young Men's Christian Association, which is a monument to his disinterested forethought and appreciation of the needs of the boys. He was ever deeply interested in the young and realized the fact that their environment has much to do with shaping character. He therefore believed in surrounding the boys with good influences and they recognized in him a warm and constant friend. He was also one of the earliest members of the National Historical Society and was one of the founders of the Central Presbyterian church, in which he served as an elder, while in religious work he long took an active and most helpful part. His life contained the elements of greatness in that it was not self-centered but was largely devoted to the welfare of his fellow men, his influence being ever on the side of progress, reform and improvement. "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success;" and judged in this way Mr. Sherwin was a most successful man.

His son, James M. Sherwin, after attending Adelbert College studied law and was admitted to the bar. He has since practiced in the state and federal courts. He was the first president of the Erie Chamber of Commerce.

Fred Rose. The agricultural interests of Greene township, Erie county, number Fred Rose among its most prominent representatives, and in addition to the old Rose homestead where his parents lived and labored for so many years he also owns an estate near by where he resides. He is engaged in general farming and dairying pursuits, and is one the of community's most prominent business men. He was born in Greene township on the 6th of March, 1860, a son of Charles and Anna Mary (Goss) Rose, who were born in Germany, in Hamburg and Wittenberg respectively. After coming to this country Charles Rose worked for about two years in the brick yards in Erie, and he then purchased and removed to the sixty-six acre farm in Greene township near where his son Fred now lives, and he was the first to locate on that road. Anna M. Goss came to Erie county some time after the arrival of Mr. Rose, and after their marriage they located on their little farm of sixty-six acres in the uncut woods of Greene township, built their home, cleared their land and there reared their children named as follows: Emily and Christena, both deceased. Adam, Charles, Frederick, Mary, Herman, John and Jacob.

Fred Rose attended in his early life the Lawrence and the Pleasant Hill schools, both in Greene township, and with the exception of the three years spent in the Bradford oil fields his time since leaving the school room has been given to the work of his farm. He married September 14, 1882, Miss Sophia Dunker, a daughter of Henry and Margaret Dunker, who came from Germany to the United States in their early lives and located in Mill Creek township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of their daughter Sophia. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Rose was blessed by the birth of five children: Anna, Lilly, Edward, Carl and Margaret. Mrs. Rose, the wife and mother, died on the 8th of September, 1906, after a happy married life of many years. Mr. Rose is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Samaritan No. 1143, in West Greene, and the Encampment No. 42, at Erie, and he

also has membership relations with the Grange and the Royal Order of Moose, of Erie. In politics he is a Republican, and he has held the various offices of his township. The home of Mr. Fred Rose and family is known as "Rose Hill."

SAMUEL H. DROWN. Identified with a dual line of enterprise which is of distinctive importance in every community,—that of real-estate and fire insurance,—Mr. Drown is recognized not only as controlling one of the leading agencies of this kind in the city of Erie but also as being one of the loyal and progressive business men of the younger generation in his native county, where he has attained to success and precedence through his well directed efforts along normal avenues of enterprise.

Samuel H. Drown was born in Greene township, this county, on the 12th of September 1876, and thus made his advent into the world in the centennial year, one of the most notable in the history of his native commonwealth. He is a son of Hosea and Melvina M. (Hilborn) Drown, both likewise natives of Greene township, where the former was born on the 13th of July, 1833, and the latter on the 31st of March, 1848. Hosea Drown is a son of Cyril and Catherine (Zimmerman) Drown, whose marriage was solemnized in Greene township, this county, where the former took up his residence in the year 1818, so that both families are to be noted as having been pioneers of the county. Cyril Drown became one of the prominent and influential citizens of Greene township, where he became a successful farmer, and he was called upon to serve in various township offices. He continued to reside in that township until his death, which occurred in 1869, and his wife also passed her declining years on the old homestead.

Hosea Drown was afforded better educational advantages than fell to the lot of the average youth of the locality and period, and that he put his acquirements to practical test and utilization is shown in the fact that for several years he was a successful and popular teacher in the district schools of his native county. His principal vocation, however, was that of farming, to which he devoted his attention during the major portion of his active career, having been the owner of a fine landed estate in Greene township, where he continued to reside until 1889, since which time he has lived virtually retired in the city of Erie, where his cherished and devoted wife died in 1906, secure in the affectionate regard of all who had come within the sphere of her gentle and gracious influence. Their marriage was solemnized on the 11th of September, 1873, and she was a daughter of Samuel H. and Roxy A. Hilborn, the former of whom was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1802, and the latter of whom was a daughter of Martin and Mary Hayes, who were natives of New England. When a young man Samuel H. Hilborn removed to the state of New York, whence he later went to Ohio, and in 1835 he took up his residence in Greene township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where his marriage was solemnized on the 1st of October, 1837. He became a prosperous farmer and honored citizen of Greene township, where his death occurred February 25, 1877, and his wife survived him by several years.

Hosea and Melvina M. (Hilborn) Drown became the parents of four children: M. Cyril, who is one of the interested principals in the Erie Laundry Company, married Miss Marietta Voltz, of Erie; Samuel H., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Arthur L., also iden-

tified with the Erie Laundry Company, married Bertha Sawtelle and they have two children; and Bertha C. is a student (1909) in Drexel Institute, in the city of Philadelphia.

Samuel H. Drown passed his boyhood days on the home farm and secured his preliminary education in the district schools of Greene township. He accompanied his parents on their removal to the city of Erie, in 1889, and here he continued his studies in the public schools until he had completed a course in the high school, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1897. He initiated his business career by taking a position in the office of the Erie Trading Stamp Company, and later became bookkeeper in the retail store of the Black Manufacturing Company. His next position was that of traveling representative of the celebrated International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which connection he had charge in turn of the offices at Erie, Niagara Falls, and Rochester, New York, from which last he had charge of all territory in central New York. In February, 1901, Mr. Drown purchased one-half interest in the real estate and insurance business of M. H. Sawdey, of Erie, and the business was thereafter conducted under the title of M. H. Sawdey & Company until August 7, 1905, when Mr. Drown purchased his partner's interest, since which time he has continued the enterprise most successfully in an individual way and under his own name. He handles both city and country realty and on his books are at all times represented the best of investments, both for sale and in exchange. The fire insurance department, controlling a large and substantial business, is based upon the agency of a number of the best companies in the world. Mr. Drown is known not only as an aggressive young business man of much initiative and executive ability but also as one whose methods and systems are such as to well entitle him to unqualified confidence and esteem. His agency is one of the most prominent and popular in Erie county and its business is constantly expanding in scope and importance under his effective management.

He is actively identified with the work and interests of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, of whose directorate he is a member, and he is a member of the Hamot Hospital Corporators Association. He is a member of the Erie Real Estate Exchange and the Business Men's Exchange, besides which he holds membership in the Erie Board of Underwriters and is receiver for the Lakeside Cemetery. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and he is one of the valued and zealous members of the Central Presbyterian church, being one of its trustees and superintendent of its Sunday school. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has completed the circle of the York Rite and advanced to the 14th degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as a member of Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection.

In 1901 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Drown to Miss Bertha Russell. She moved to Erie from Clarendon in 1890 and graduated in the same class with her husband in 1897 from Erie high school. She was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Thomas J. Russell, now a representative business man in the city of Erie.

James D. Hay, treasurer and general manager of the Cascade Foundry Company of Erie and one of its leading manufacturers and citizens, is a native of Fairview township, this county, born August 31, 1848, being a son of William and Juliette (Demsey) Hay. Mr. Hay is also

one of the leading Republicans of the county and was for a number of years prominently identified with its progress as a leading official. He stands high not only on the basis of personal merit but from the fact that his family is one of the oldest and most prominent in this section of the state. It was in 1802 that his grandfather, James, and his granduncle, John, came from their native state of Maryland and made their homes in Erie county. The former selected Fairview township as the family homestead, took up land in that locality and cleared and improved it. John Hay, the granduncle mentioned, became the first postmaster of Erie and John Hay, son of James and uncle of James D., served as captain in the war of 1812, seeing service in the vicinity of Erie and otherwise became an honored and prominent citizen. It is on record that he was a witness in the second will on file in the court house in Erie county. John Hay, the famous author and distinguished statesman, was also a member of this family.

William Hay, the father, was born in Maryland in 1802, the family removing to Erie during the same year of his birth. Here he was reared and spent his entire life in farming, dying in 1883. He married Juliette Demsey, a native of Erie and a daughter of John Demsey, a pioneer millwright and carpenter who built many of the early mills of the county. Her father also served in the war of 1812, participating in the battle of Tippecanoe and altogether spending a year under the military leadership of General William Henry Harrison. Mrs. Hay died in 1879, the mother of four sons and six daughters. Henry, the eldest child, who was born in Fairview township, is now deceased. William C., the second, also a native of that township, served in the Civil war as captain of Company H, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was also treasurer of Erie county for one term. John, the third son, born in Fairview township, enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Fredricksburg, December 13, 1862. His death was most untimely, as he would have been only eighteen years of age on the following fifteenth of June. James D., of this sketch, is the youngest of the sons. Caroline, the oldest daughter, married S. R. Miller, of Springfield, Pennsylvania, who served in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment during the Civil war, afterward removing to Kansas, where both he and his wife died. Lucinda married William Cole, of Fairview, later removed to Amboy, Ohio, and both died in that place. Mary became the wife of Joseph Wilcox. Her husband served in a Pennsylvania cavalry regiment during the Civil war and they both now reside on a farm near Amboy, Ohio. Eliza J., the fourth daughter, married Charles Loverin and they both now reside in Cleveland, Ohio. Adelaide is the widow of Charles P. Cummings, also a soldier in a Pennsylvania regiment. Mrs. Cummings is now a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa. The sixth and youngest daughter is Nellie, now Mrs. D. E. Waters of Marshalltown, Iowa.

James D. Hay, of this sketch, received his early education in the district schools of Fairview township, taught school for several years and subsequently became a student at the University of Michigan. As his training had been along agricultural lines, however, in the spring of 1882 he accepted the responsible position of superintendent of the large farm owned by Powell brothers of Shadeland, Crawford county, Pennsylvania. He remained thus engaged for eight years, or until 1890, when he was appointed deputy revenue collector in the Erie office.

He served in this position for three years, resigning with the outgoing of the Cleveland administration. He then re-entered the employ of Powell brothers and after continuing as superintendent of their interests for another two years, returned to Erie to assume the office of deputy, under Sheriff George W. Evans. The efficiency which he displayed in his official service as subordinate earned him both general respect and wide popularity and in 1896 his Republican friends and supporters elected him to the office of register and recorder of Erie county. He assumed office on the first of January, 1897, was re-elected in 1900 and altogether served two full terms of three years each. In the winter of 1902, Mr. Hay, in association with Edward Huer and U. P. Rossiter, obtained the controlling interest in the Depinet Foundry Company and in 1903 they assumed the management of the entire plant, reorganizing its business as the Cascade Foundry Company. This is its present style and represents one of the largest establishments of the kind in the city. In 1907 the present large brick buildings occupied were erected and the plant was removed to the corner of Nineteenth and Plum streets. From the time of the reorganization Mr. Hay has acted as its treasurer and general manager and in this position has done much to bring the establishment to its present high standing in the industrial field. Mr. Hay is an active and influential member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, is a Mason of high degree (a member of the Shriners), and also actively connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a man of wide and high social standing and has been long connected with the Country Club.

Mr. Hay was first married to Miss Lillian Davie, a native of Warren county, Pennsylvania, and daughter of O. J. and Esther (Gallowhur) Davie, the family being of old Welsh descent. Mrs. Lillian Day died in 1892, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving three children. Donald D., the eldest, born in 1880, was a student at the University of Pennsylvania and was afterward appointed lieutenant in the United States army and is now on duty with the Twenty-fifth Infantry at Parang Parang, Philippine Islands. It is interesting to know and decidedly to the young man's credit that at the time he passed the required examination for his lieutenancy he was under the legal age. When the department discovered this, proceedings were suspended for a time but the matter was carried to the secretary of war who, in view of his fine record, issued an order that he should receive the appointment as soon as he became of legal age without further examination or delay. The young man resumed his studies at the univeristy and upon his twenty-first birthday received his commission without formal application. Florence, the second child and only daughter, is now a student at the School of Industrial Arts of Philadelphia. John, the third and youngest child, has commenced a six years' course at the University of Michigan from which he will graduate with the degree of A. B. and M. D. Mr. Hay's second wife was Anna Lipton, of Center county, Pennsylvania, daughter of E. B. Lipton, who for twenty-five years was head bookkeeper for the Jarecki Manufacturing Company of Erie. He is now retired from active work.

Henry C. Kelsey, president of the Union Ice Company, Erie, Pennsylvania, was born in this city, October 29, 1844, son of Samuel H. and Mary H. (Johnson) Kelsey, natives respectively of Oswego, New York, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kelsey's paternal grandfather, Joseph Kelsey, moved from Oswego to Erie county at an early

date and settled on a farm in Mill Creek township, where he carried on farming for a number of years. Subsequently he entered into a partnership with his son-in-law, Henry Cadwell, and they engaged in the hardware and tinning business. Samuel H. Kelsey, the father of Henry C., also became interested in this business, and was connected with the firm for a number of years. Later, under the administration of Postmaster Robert Cochran, he held a position in the Erie postoffice, and at the expiration of his service there he entered the employ of the late General Charles M. Reed, as clerk on a lake boat, in which capacity he served two years, after which he was given a position as accountant in the office at the docks. He remained in the employ of General Reed for a period of upwards of twenty years, and after Rawle & Co. succeeded General Reed in business, he retained his place with the new firm and continued with it until the company went out of business. In 1866, associated with his son, Henry C., Mr. Kelsey established the Erie Ice Company, the son taking active management of the business. The father lived to the ripe age of seventy-five, and died August 14, 1892.

Henry C. Kelsey was reared and educated in Erie. From 1860 to 1862 he was in Canada, employed, in different capacities, in the oil fields. Returning to Erie in 1862, he entered the employ of Henry Rawle & Co., with which he remained four years, until he joined his father in the ice business. They established the first thoroughly equipped ice plant in Erie. In 1890, the Union Ice Company was organized, it being made up of the Erie Ice Company and the John R. Cooney Ice Company. The People's Ice Company, formed in 1892, was in 1893 added to the Union. Mr. Kelsey was made treasurer of the Union Ice Company at its formation and so continued until 1900, when he was made president, the office he now fills.

September 3, 1868, Mr. Kelsey married Laura H. Johnson of Erie, and they have two daughters: Margaret Shannon, widow of the late Harry Saltsman of Erie, who married Frank M. Wallace in 1909, president of the Second National Bank of Erie, and one of the vice presidents of the Pittsburg Coal Company; Blanche Elizabeth, wife of Charles F. Wallace, assistant cashier of the Second National Bank. Fraternally, Mr. Kelsey is a Mason of high degree.

Rinaldo E. Clemens. When it is stated that Rinaldo E. Clemens is a scion of a family which was founded in Erie county more than a century ago, it will be at once understood that the name has been linked with the annals of the old Keystone state since the pioneer epoch. Further than this the name has been ever honored and has stood for definite accomplishment in connection with the civic and business activities of this section of the state. Not too often and not through the agency of too many vehicles can be recorded tributes to the memory of those who have thus wrought nobly in the past and who have left descendants to perpetuate in their lives and services equally worthy achievement.

Rinaldo E. Clemens, who is now living virtually retired in the city of Erie, with whose business interests he was long and prominently identified as a progressive and loyal citizen, was born in the village of Fairview, this county, on the 9th of October, 1844, and is a son of John and Lydia (Hutchinson) Clemens. John Clemens was born in Le Boeuf township, this county, in 1819, and was a son of John and Mary (Irwin) Clemens, whose marriage was solemnized in Pennsylvania. John Clemens, Sr., was a native of county Armagh, Ireland, where he was born in

the year 1762 and where he was reared to the age of fifteen. In 1777, when fifteen years of age, he severed the ties which bound him to the Emerald Isle and immigrated to America, to whose upbuilding and advancement those of his race have contributed in liberal and noble measure from the colonial era to the present day. He first settled at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and in 1795 he removed to Erie county. He established his home in Le Boeuf township, about one and one-half miles south from the present village of Waterford, and there he secured from David McNair two hundred acres of land a very considerable portion of which he reclaimed to cultivation. He was a man of energy and strong mentality, so that he naturally became a leader and power in his community. He developed a valuable property and continued to reside on his fine old homestead until his death, which occurred in the year 1822. His wife, who was a native of north of Ireland, survived him by a number of years.

John Clemens, Jr., father of Rinaldo E., was reared to manhood on the ancestral homestead and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the common schools of the locality and period. In 1840, soon after attaining to his legal majority, he took up his residence in the village of Fairview, this county, where he became associated with John Avery Tracy in the general merchandise business, under the title of Tracy & Clemens. Later he conducted a hotel in the same village, where he remained until 1848, when he removed to Girard, where he entered into partnership with David Olin and again engaged in the mercantile business. His operations in this field were attended with success and he continued his residence in Girard until 1854, when he took up his residence in Erie, where he greatly amplified the scope of his business by forming a partnership alliance with his brother-in-law, William M. Caughey, and opening a well ordered wholesale grocery establishment. The prescience and judgment of this firm were notable, as they were among the first to recognize the advantages of Erie as a wholesaling center and were among the first to show their confidence in the definite manner designated. They built up a fine enterprise, controlling a trade throughout the large territory normally tributary to Erie, and Mr. Clemens continued to be actively identified with the business until 1869, when he retired to engage in the wholesale and retail lumber trade, in which his acumen and honorable dealings likewise made his success assured. In 1878 he retired from this field of enterprise and became associated with Prescott Metcalf and founded the Erie Malleable Iron Works, which grew to be one of the most important industrial enterprises in the county. He was also one of those prominently concerned in the organization of the company which erected the Park Opera House, and his aid and influence were given in the promotion of numerous other enterprises conserving the progress and material prosperity of his home city, in which his interests centered and in which he was ever regarded as a most loyal and generous citizen. His life was ordered on a broad plane of integrity and honor, and his success, which measured large, was won by legitimate means, so that no shadow rests on any portion of his career as a citizen and as a business man. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, and as already intimated, he took an active interest in public affairs, though he never had aught of desire for the honors or emoluments of political office. His wife held membership in the Episcopal church and was active in its work and support. In 1842 was solemnized his marriage to Miss Lydia Hutchinson, daughter of the late Judge

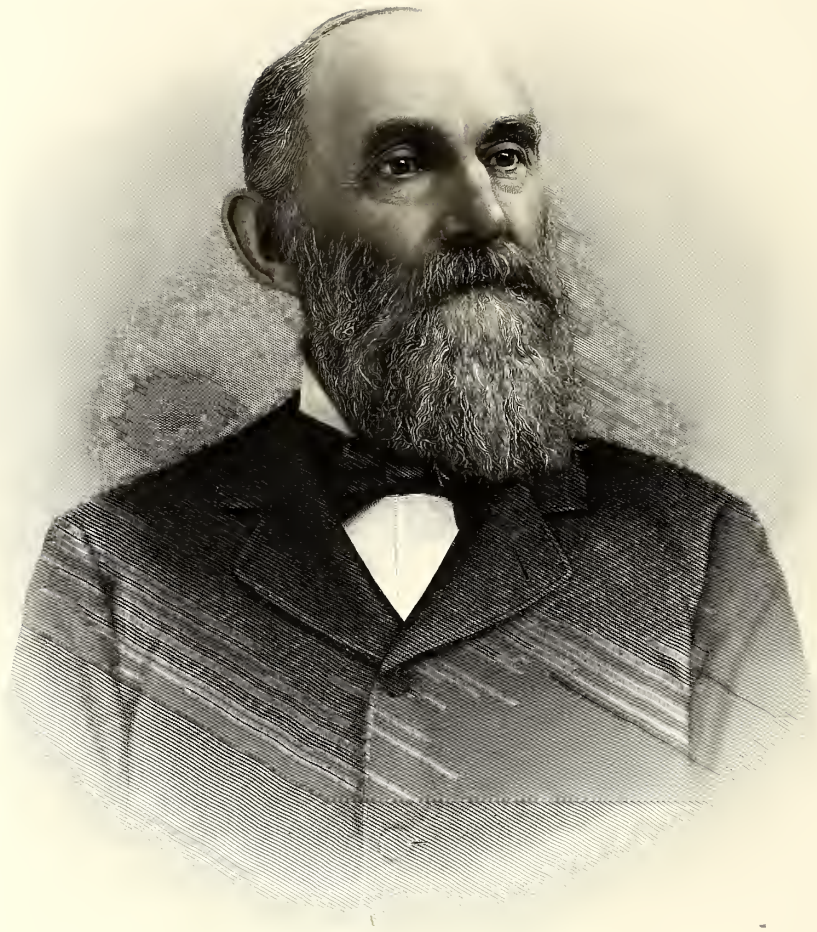
Myron Hutchinson, who presided on the bench of the county court in this county, and of the two children of this union the subject of this review is the elder; Frances Eliza died in 1863, when a young woman. John Clemens rounded out a life of signal usefulness and honor and was summoned to eternal rest on the 24th of August, 1892. His wife passed away in November, 1896, and their memories are revered in the city which so long represented their home and in whose social life they were prominent.

Rinaldo E. Clemens was a child at the time of the family removal to Erie, and in the public schools of this city he secured his early educational discipline. He became in time associated with the various enterprises with which his honored father was identified, and his career has added new laurels to the family name. He was concerned in many important business corporations, and contributed in large measure to the industrial and commercial advancement of Erie, to which city his loyalty has ever been on a parity with that shown by his father. Since 1905 he has lived virtually retired, though he gives his general supervision to his various capitalistic interests, and is a member of the directorate of the Marine National Bank, of Erie, one of the stanch financial institutions of northern Pennsylvania. Though never active in the arena of practical politics, he is an adherent of the Republican party, and his wife holds membership in the Episcopal church. He is identified with no fraternal organizations except the Royal Arcanum but is a member of the Erie Club, the leading social organization of business men in the city.

In 1874 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Clemens to Miss Anna C. Hays, daughter of the late William B. Hays, who was an old and honored citizen of Erie at the time of his demise. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens became the parents of two children, John Hays, who died in July, 1908, at the age of thirty-three years, and Hays H., who was graduated in the Troy Polytechnical Institute and is now a civil engineer by profession: he still maintains his home in Erie.

George S. Ray, M. D. A leader among the younger and most progressive physicians and surgeons of Erie, Dr. George S. Ray was born at Meadville, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of May, 1870. The family is of ancient Scotch descent, but its American home has long been in the eastern and especially, the New England states. The doctor's parents, S. H. and Margaret (Hart) Ray, were early settlers of his native city. He graduated from the Meadville High School in 1888 and from Allegheny College in 1892, after which he completed a three years' course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1895. His graduation from that institution was followed by service of a year in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, and he began the practice of his profession at Cooperstown, Pennsylvania, in the later portion of 1896.

Dr. Ray became a resident of Erie in the fall of 1897, and has since established a substantial general practice and is especially recognized as a skilful, but conservative surgeon. At the present time he is a member of the surgical staff of St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, and surgeon of the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad. He is actively identified with the Erie Medical Society, of which he served as president for a year, and is also a member of the Northwestern Medical Society of Pennsylvania, State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The doctor is a Free Mason, connected with Keystone Lodge of Erie, and enjoys membership in the Chamber of Commerce. His wife, known before her marriage as Miss Emma Eby, is the daughter of Bishop Isaac Eby, of



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C. E. Gunnison

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, so prominent a figure in the Mennonite church of the east. There is one child by the marriage, Frederick M. Ray, born February 16, 1906.

CHARLES E. GUNNISON. Distinguished not only as the worthy representative of a pioneer family of much prominence, but for the eminence he has achieved as a man of affairs and one of rare business and executive ability, Charles E. Gunnison occupies an assured position among the respected and valued citizens of Erie, and as president of the Marine National Bank exerts a wide influence in the realms of finance. A life-long resident of this beautiful city overlooking the blue waters of Lake Erie, he has been identified with its highest interests during his active career, and has contributed in no small measure to its progress and prosperity. Charles E. Gunnison, president of the Marine National Bank, Erie, was born August 9, 1829, at Erie. His parents were E. D. and Sophia Gunnison who came to Erie in 1815. After the usual attendance at private schools he closed his school career at the Erie Academy. At the age of fourteen he found employment as clerk in the general store known as the "Canadian Store" located in the original Reed House block on North Park Row. From 1847 to the spring of 1851 he was engaged in a clerical capacity in the Reed Store owned by the late General Charles M. Reed.

Mr. Gunnison's banking career commenced April 1, 1851, when he accepted a position with Joseph H. Williams, banker, Erie. In 1853 he went to Terre Haute, Indiana, to assume the cashiership of The Southern Bank of Indiana where he remained a portion of the year returning thence to become a member of the banking firm of C. B. Wright & Co., the members of which were Charles B. Wright, Francis P. Bailey and Charles E. Gunnison. This firm was dissolved in 1858. In 1859 Mr. Gunnison, associated with his brother John B. Gunnison, established the tannery business. During the years of 1860 to 1864 he assisted in the firm of Vincent, Bailey & Co. He became assistant cashier of the Marine National Bank in the spring of 1866 and subsequently became the cashier and then president.

Mr. Gunnison was married September 1, 1852, to Jane T. Welsh, a native of the City of Douglas, Isle of Man. Of their three children, Emma G., wife of Dr. David H. Strickland, alone survives. Harry, who married Lucy Morrison, died while cashier of the Marine National Bank and Carrie married Frank T. Kimball, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Gunnison has been a member of the board of trade of Erie and of the Park Presbyterian church for many years.

JOHN W. LITTLE. Among those who have stood as distinctive types of the world's workers is John W. Little, who is president of the People's Bank of Erie, and whose identification with the civic and business interests of this city has extended over a period of fully two score of years, within which it has been his to mark by definite accomplishment a place of honor on the record of progress made by the city within the period noted. It is naught more than simple justice to refer to him as one of the representative business men of Erie county, and the most emphatic voucher for his sterling characteristics is that offered in the uniform respect and confidence accorded to him in the community which has so long represented his home and been the center of his interests.

In a characteristic paraphrase Senator Chauncey M. Depew gave utterance to the following statement: "Some men are born great, some

achieve greatness, and some are born in the state of Ohio." This indicated a signal appreciation of the part the fine old Buckeye commonwealth has played in giving to the nation men of beneficent influence in public affairs, and the application may well be taken to wider limitations in noting the accomplishment of sons of Ohio in the manifold departments of productive business activity. The distinction thus lies with Mr. Little that he can claim the Buckeye state as the place of his nativity, and he is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of the Western Reserve, which has been designated as "the largest and most distinctly individualized and most influential of all the varied elements" in the composite population of Ohio. He was born in Aurora, Portage county, Ohio, on the 14th of November, 1848, and is a son of John and Lucy (Eggleston) Little, the former of whom was born in the state of New York, where his parents were temporarily sojourning, and the latter of whom was a native of Aurora, Portage county, Ohio, where her father, Martin Eggleston, of New England birth and lineage, was an early settler. The Little family was founded in America in the colonial epoch of our national history, and in the state of Massachusetts was born Warren Little, grandfather of John W. Warren Little removed from the old Bay state to Ohio in the pioneer days, and it was his to become one of the early settlers of the historic Western Reserve, which, though its boundaries are no longer designated in modern geographies, bears a name that still belongs to a well defined portion of Ohio, a section whose residents are knit together by historic associations and social ties as close as though indicated by strict political limits. Upon his removal from the east to the Western Reserve of Connecticut, Warren Little took up his abode in the wilds of Portage county, where he reclaimed a farm from the virgin forest, and there he and his wife passed the residue of their lives. He there became the owner of a generous landed estate, and it is interesting to record that his old homestead is still in possession of his descendants of the name.

John Little was reared under the conditions and influences of the pioneer era in the Western Reserve, where his educational advantages were such as were offered in the schools of the day. He lived up to the full tension of the arduous labors of the pioneer farm, and continued to be actively identified with agricultural operations in Geauga county, Ohio (to which he removed in 1852) until 1872, when he removed to Erie, Pennsylvania, where he lived virtually retired until his death, which occurred in June, 1877. His cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal on the 12th of December, 1898. They were consistent members of the Disciple church and in politics John Little was a Republican. They became the parents of nine children, of whom three are living.

John W. Little, the immediate subject of this review, was three years of age at the time of his parents' removal from Portage county to Geauga county, Ohio, in which latter he was reared to maturity. After duly availing himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period he continued his studies in Geauga Seminary, a well ordered institution, and he put his scholastic attainments to practical test and utilization by assuming the position of teacher in the district schools of his home county. In the pedagogic profession his labors were successful, and to the same he devoted his attention for two years.

In June, 1869, about five months before attaining to his legal majority, Mr. Little severed the ties which bound him to home and native state,

and came to Erie, where he assumed a clerical position in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad, under William E. Baldwin, general superintendent. He continued to be identified with the interests of the corporation noted until 1876, when he marked the centennial year by assuming a position in the offices of W. L. Scott and Company, long known as representing one of the most important industrial enterprises of this section of the state. On the death of W. L. Scott in 1891 he became one of the stockholders and executive officers of The W. L. Scott Company, and with the same he continued to be identified until its retirement from business, in 1905. He exerted no little influence in the building up of the large and successful enterprise of this well known company, whose operations were in the mining and shipping of anthracite and bituminous coal and during the long years of his connection therewith he gained distinctive recognition as one of the progressive and representative business men of the city of Erie.

In the year last mentioned Mr. Little became one of the organizers and incorporators of the People's Bank, in which he is the largest stockholder and of which he has been president from the time of its incorporation. The bank bases its operations upon a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars with a surplus from organization of one hundred thousand dollars and it has gained secure prestige in popular favor and support. A progressive but duly conservative policy has been maintained, and as executive head of the institution Mr. Little had ordered its affairs with consummate discrimination and ability, so that it stands to-day as one of the most solid banking houses of northern Pennsylvania. As a citizen and business man Mr. Little has shown much of public spirit and loyalty, and all that concerns the welfare of his home city has been a matter of definite interest to him during the long years of his residence in Erie, where he is held in unequivocal confidence and esteem and where his popularity is based upon a record marked by sterling integrity and honor. He is a valued member of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade, and is identified with various civic and fraternal organizations. Though never manifesting aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office he is arrayed as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Republican party, and both he and his wife hold membership in the First Presbyterian church.

On the 25th of September, 1879, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Little to Miss Anna Henry, daughter of the late Robert H. Henry, of Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Little have had no children.

John H. Berkenkamp. For the past twenty years a leading business man of Erie John H. Berkenkamp is a representative German-American whose family name was established by his father in this section of the state more than fifty-six years ago. He himself was born in West Mill Creek township, Erie county, February 18, 1863, and is a son of William and Louise (Fogel) Berkenkamp. The father was a native of Prussia, born in 1832, and celebrated the attainment of his majority on shipboard, in the course of his sixty-three days' ocean voyage from the fatherland to America. Going direct to Erie, he at once entered the employ of John A. Tracy, owner of a farm in West Mill Creek township. Subsequently, he purchased a place himself at Franklin Centre, operated it for eight years, and then sold the property, after which he was identified with the Reed farm, east of the city, for a period of thirty-five years. William Berkenkamp then built a home on Buffalo road and Downing

avenue, to the rest and comforts of which he retired until his death in September, 1905. His wife and the mother of John H. is still living, in her eighty-second year. She is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany; came to Erie when a young girl and was married in the county. She is a life-long German Lutheran, as was her husband.

John H. Berkenkamp, of this sketch, was reared on the old Reed farm, received a public school education and obtained a commercial training—the latter at Clark's Business College. Until he was twenty-two years of age he remained with his parents, and then, for a year, was employed on the plantation owned by W. L. Scott at Cape Charles, Virginia For the succeeding year and a half he was with the C. F. Adams Company, stationed both at Erie and Chicago, and in 1889 he established himself in the furniture and house furnishing business at the former city. Having completed the regular course at the Pittsburg College of Embalming, Mr. Berkenkamp added an undertaking department to his business, which developed so satisfactorily that in 1906 he disposed of the furniture branch and devoted his entire time to it. Both as an embalmer and a funeral director Mr. Berkenkamp is now widely known, his high standing being the natural result of his scientific knowledge of the business and his straightforward and pleasing traits of character. His popularity as a citizen is also partially demonstrated by his membership in the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Exchange, and his active identification with the Masons, Elks, Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum and Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is also a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and a leader in the work of the Central Presbyterian church. Mr. Berkenkamp's wife was formerly Mrs. Ella Metcalf, a San Francisco lady.

W. Ed. Marsh. For upwards of thirty years W. Ed. Marsh has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Corry, Erie county, and in the meantime has won in an eminent degree the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, those who know him best placing implicit confidence in his integrity, fidelity, and good judgment. A Pennsylvanian by birth, of English descent, he was born, January 15, 1851, in Farmington township, Warren county, where the birth of his father, William S. Marsh, occurred July 9, 1826. Of his parents the following account is interesting in several ways: "In a little Quaker church, John Marsh and Phebe Allen of the township of Woodbury, Middlesex county, New Jersey, having declared their intention of marriage with each other before several monthly meetings of the people called Quakers, at Rahway, on the 26th day of August, 1790, and in the presence of fifty-one witnesses did, according to the custom among them, take each other by the hand and declare that they took each other for man and wife, promising by the Lord's assistance to be faithful unto each other until death should them part."

On the 10th of March, 1795, Joseph Marsh was born to them, being their third child. In 1800, when Joseph was a little over five years old, the parents saw the opportunity to secure a new and cheap home in the lands which had been ceded to the Commonwealth by the Seneca Indians, who then occupied this part of Pennsylvania. They left their old home in New Jersey, and started for the wilds of Northwestern Pennsylvania. They carried their family and goods in ox-carts, drawn by oxen. Slowly they wended their way along through rough and hilly roads until they reached Franklin, where they unloaded their goods and placed them in

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keel boats, as there was no road up the river at that time, and pushed them up the river to Warren—their cattle being driven over the hills and through the woods to Warren, where their goods and wagons were disembarked from the boats, and they proceeded as before, until they reached their destination in what was known as Beech-woods, later Pine Grove, now Farmington township, on the 15th day of October, 1800. His brother, Hugh Marsh, had preceded him two years before. Here he spent the remaining years of his life.

In the year 1803, John Marsh taught the first school in Warren county, in a part of his own house, the scholars being his own and his brother Hugh's children, with one or two others. He built the first frame building, (a barn) in Warren county, in 1812.

Joseph Marsh always retained a good share of the Quaker belief, as he was reared among them, his parents being of strict Quaker faith, holding regular meetings at their own fireside. Succeeding to the ownership of the parental homestead, Joseph S. Marsh was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He was the first justice of the peace in what is now Farmington township, Warren county, serving fifteen years beginning in 1842. He married Ruth Sheldon, who died in middle life, and of their children but three grew to years of maturity, William S., John A., and Phebe Ann.

William S. Marsh grew to manhood on the ancestral farm, and after attaining man's estate bought land in Farmington township, and was there employed to some extent in general farming during his active life. He was also elected justice of the peace serving several terms. He was, however, a natural mechanic, expert in the use of tools, and spent much of his time in carpentering, although he had never served an apprenticeship at the trade. He spent his entire life in Farmington township, passing away, in 1902, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Rosaville P. Knapp, who is still living in Farmington township. She was born, August 22, 1828, near Boston Corners, New York, being a daughter of Hiram and Clarissa (Barrett) Knapp. William S. Marsh and wife reared three children, namely: W. Ed., of this sketch; Carrie, wife of Sherman Brown; and Fred S., who received the Peabody prize when he was graduated from the Buffalo School of Pharmacy, and is now chemist for the Straight Dry Plate Company at Jamestown, New York.

The Knapp family is traced back to a very early period in Saxony, a province of Germany, and with the natural tide and flow of human life the family entered Wales and England and is found among the records of the seventh year of the reign of Edward I, in 1279-80. The coat of arms was granted Roger de Knapp in 1540 during the reign of Henry VIII. The family motto is: "Spes Nostra Deus." Two of the Knapps, William and Nicholas, came to this country in 1630 with the (Gov.) Winthrop and Saltonstall emigrant expedition. Uzal Knapp who was born in 1753, and died in 1856, was the last survivor of Washington's Life Guard, and his monument is beside "Washington's Headquarters" at Newburgh, New York. The Knapp house at Danbury, Connecticut, is the only house in that part of Danbury that escaped the fire when the British burned Danbury.

Completing his early education in the Union schools of Jamestown, New York, W. Ed. Marsh began his professional career as a teacher at the age of seventeen years, and taught in Warren county until 1875. While there he began reading law in the office of Johnson and Lindsey at Warren, Pennsylvania, completing his studies with Crosby and Brown

at Corry, Pennsylvania, remaining with that firm until his admission to the bar, in 1879. For a short time thereafter, Mr. Marsh was located in Smethport, from there returning to Corry, where he has since been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, winning a place of distinction among the leading lawyers of this part of Erie county. He has also devoted a part of his time to other lines of business and to both fire and fraternal insurance, at the present time being secretary and treasurer of the Corry Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Politically, Mr. Marsh is a stanch Republican, and has served with acceptance to all concerned in various positions of prominence, including those of city attorney, police justice, and mayor of the city. Fraternally he is a member of the Jonathan Lodge, No. 685, I. O. O. F., and of Corry Lodge, No. 470, K. P. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. 1891-2. For two years he was secreary, also, of the Equitable Aid Union. Religiously he and his wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Marsh married first, October 1, 1874, Mary L. Brown, daughter of Dr. S. W. and Louisa Brown, of Farmington township. After her death, Mr. Marsh married, October 1, 1890, Pearl E. Hoffman, who was born in Corry, a daughter of Philip and Mary S., (Wells) Hoffman. Her grandfather, Paul Hoffman, was born in Germany, a son of Philip Hoffman, who emigrated to this country with his wife and eight children, locating in Youngsville, Warren county, Pennsylvania, where he bought land, improved a farm, and resided until his death. Ten years old when he came with his parents to Pennsylvania, Paul Hoffman assisted in the pioneer labor of clearing a homestead, and subsequently bought a tract of wild land near Pittsfield, Warren county, where he pursued the peaceful occupation of a farmer until his death, at the age of sixty-six years, in 1856. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorcas Andrews, was a life long resident of Pittsfield, her death occurring on the home farm in 1854. She reared nine children, as follows: Ross A., John W., Matthias, Philip, Mary Ann, Martha, Robert, James and Franklin W. Of this family Mary Ann, wife of Asahel Davis, is the only survivor. Philip Hoffman, Mrs. Marsh's father, learned the trade of a shoemaker when young, but in 1849, abandoned the bench to go with the gold hunters to California, where he spent two years in mining being fairly successful, and with the gold thus obtained he returned to Pittsfield, purchased his father's homestead, intending to return to California, but yielding to his mother's wishes, remained at home tilling the soil until after the breaking out of the Civil war. Enlisting in 1863, in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he served until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge from the army. He was commissary sergeant of Company C, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry. Selling his farm soon after, he removed his family to Corry, where for awhile he was engaged in the drug business. To be with old comrades, he entered the Soldiers' Home, in Dayton, and there remained until his death, January 1, 1904. His first wife, whose maiden name was Samantha Bills, was born near Pittsfield, a daughter of Chester Bills, a pioneer settler of that town, and died on the farm, near Pittsfield. He married for his second wife Mary S. Wells. Mr. and Mrs. W. Ed. Marsh have two children, namely: W. Lloyd and Barrett Hugh.

George F. Rankin is a well known and successful agriculturist in Venango township, where he owns a valuable and well improved home-

stead of one hundred and twenty acres of dairy land. He was born at Goshen in Orange county, New York, February 22, 1851, a son of William H. and Deborah A. (Lockwood) Rankin. William H. Rankin was born in Goshen in 1822, where he was brought up on the parental farm, his parents being George and Amelia (Etsel) Rankin, who ended their days there. Their son William attended the district schools and also pursued a three years' course in an educational institution in New York City, and afterward was for three years in the mercantile house of a Mr. Bonar there. When twenty-two years of age, after his father's death, he returned home to manage the farm, and on the 28th of February, 1850, he was married to Miss Deborah A. Lockwood and came to Erie county two years later. Of their five children three are now living, George F., Charles W. and Judson G. William H. Rankin enlisted with the One Hundred and Sixtieth Pennsylvania Regiment in November, 1862, and after serving his time was honorably discharged in 1863 and returned to farming. He was a stanch Democrat all his life, was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and was captain of the State Police force, known as the "Independent Order of Home Guards." He died on the 4th of October, 1890, and his wife Deborah died in February, 1900.

George F. Rankin was reared and educated in Venango township, whither his parents had moved when he was but a year old. He purchased his first farm in 1883 and his second in 1902, and he is now one of the large land owners and successful agriculturists of Venango township. February 22, 1883 he was happily married to Miss May, a daughter of Leonard L. and Almeda M. (Chadwick) Howard, and two children have been born of their union, but the only one living is Howard W., a graduate of the Edinboro Normal with the class of 1908, and who is now engaged in teaching in Erie county. Mrs. Rankin was born in Venango township, July 22, 1865, and her father, Leonard L. Howard, was born in Columbus, New York, August 11, 1835. Soon after the completion of his education, received at Kingsville, Ohio, he began teaching school, and in 1852 he became a resident of Erie county. On the 2d of May, 1857, he was married to Almeda M. Chadwick, and their four children are Charles. L., Lelia A., Curtis (deceased) and May. Mrs. Howard was born in Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1837, and in her younger days she taught school for several terms. Leonard L. Howard served as a justice of the peace, as a township clerk, as a school director and in other minor offices. He became the owner of the Ellis place in 1871, and it has since been divided between his daughter, Mrs. Rankin, and her brother. The Howard and Rankin families are equally well known and honored in Erie county, and they have long been prominently identified with its agricultural history.

John Blackman. The wealth and support of our great nation depends largely upon its agricultural development and promotion, which is carried on by men of energy and enterprise, many of whom come to this country from the other side of the broad Atlantic. Noteworthy among this number is John Blackman, a prosperous farmer and dairyman in Venango township, Erie county. He was born in 1854, in England, and immigrated to this country in 1872. His father, Benjamin Blackman, was born in Canbridgeshire, England, and remained in his native land until after the death of his wife, in 1895. He subsequently came to Pennsylvania, and spent his last years in Erie county, dying at the home of his son John, May 4, 1905. To him and his wife six children were

born, as follows: Ruth; Eliza; Amy, living in Canada; Ann; John; and Joseph, a resident of Erie county.

Soon after his arrival in Erie county, John Blackman located in Venango township as a farmer, and now owns and occupies a valuable farm of one hundred acres, which he devotes largely to dairying, keeping fifteen cows, in the prosecution of this branch of industry meeting with satisfactory results. Mr. Blackman was united in marriage in 1885, with Martha Daggett, who was born October 9, 1860, and died March 30, 1893, leaving three children namely: Benjamin, Blanche and Annie. Mr. Blackman married second, in August, 1895, Amanda Fritz. She was born in Venango township, in 1864, a daughter of Franklin Fritz. She comes of German ancestry on the paternal side, her Grandfather Fritz having been a native of Germany. He was the father of eight children, namely: Minerva, Daniel, Rebecca, Mary, John, Christian, Jacob, and Franklin.

Franklin Fritz, the youngest son of Christian Fritz, was born in Danville, New York, and his wife, whose maiden name was Vashti Austin, was born in Canada, being a daughter of Morris and Electa (Robbins) Austin, who were the parents of eight children, as follows: Wealthy, Almeda, Vashti, Morris, Stephen, Lindsor, Selah, and Charles. Franklin Fritz carried on general farming in Venango township for many years, residing here until his death, July 16, 1900. His wife Vashti survived him, passing away February 4, 1905. His children, five in number, were born on the home farm, being as follows: Rebecca, William S., Delilah, Christian, and Amanda. Mr. and Mrs. Blackman have two children, Frank and Ethel. Mr. Blackman is a sound Republican.

Elmer E. Bemis is one of the representative agriculturists of Venango township and a worthy representative of one of the county's early families. Jonathan and Fannie (Billings) Bemis, his paternal grandparents, were natives respectively of Massachusetts and of Chenango county, New York, and the wife dying in the spring of 1828 the husband subsequently married Martha Kingsley, and in 1837 they located in the northwestern part of Venango township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where they cleared a farm. In 1853 they moved west, spending four years in Iowa and twenty years in Kansas, and they finally settled in Richardson county, Nebraska, where Mr. Bemis died in 1881.

I. Sumner Bemis, a son of Jonathan, was born in Chenango county, New York, March 20, 1823, and coming with his father to Erie county he became one of the influential residents of his community. He served in various township offices, and was a stanch supporter of all movements for the public good. He in time settled on the old homestead taken up by his father in Venango township, and this land has never since been out of the family name. On the 29th of June, 1848, I. Sumner Bemis wedded Eleanor Hinton, who was born in Wales, a daughter of Griffith Hinton. He was born in that country in 1785, but coming to the United States he served his adopted land in the war of 1812, and he died on the 15th of March, 1881, when aged ninety-six years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bemis were: Fannie, who was born February 13, 1870, and is deceased; Seth, who was born in 1855 and married Lida Fritts; I. Sumner, a resident of this township and a prosperous farmer; Ella, deceased; Elmer E., born in 1862; Henry, in 1864; and Geary, in 1866. I. Sumner Bemis, the father, was a worthy and acceptable mem-

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ber of the Presbyterian church, and in its faith he died on the 20th of April, 1902, while his wife died on the 8th of November, 1886.

Elmer E. Bemis, one of the sons of I. Sumner and Eleanor Bemis, was born at the family homestead in Venango township January 12, 1862, and here he grew to an honorable and useful manhood and received a good education in its schools. Farming has been his life's work, and he has achieved success in the calling. On the 2d of January, 1887, he was happily married to Miss Sarah Thornton, who was born January 26, 1868, a daughter of Isaac Thornton, and the four children of this union are: Glenn, born in 1888; Reid S., in 1891; Fay, in 1892; and Ruth, in 1896. Mr. Bemis was elected to serve as a school director, and he and his family are members of the Grange. Politically he is a Republican. Their pretty country residence is known as "Hillside Cottage."

Frank D. Schultz. A native son of the city of Erie who has well upheld the prestige of a name honored in the history of this county and who has marked by personal accomplishment a place of his own in connection with economic, social and industrial affairs in the city of his birth, is Frank D. Schultz to whom this brief sketch is dedicated. He has held positions of distinctive public trust, and is known as one of the city's progressive and influential business men and loyal and public-spirited citizens.

Frank D. Schultz was born in the city of Erie on the 21st of December, 1861, and is a scion of one of the oldest and most honored German families of this favored section of the old Keystone state. The name which he bears has been prominently identified with the city of Erie and its civic and business interests for more than half a century, and he is a son of Valentine and Mary (Bootz) Schultz. The former was a son of Valentine and Margaretta (Adams) Schultz, both natives of Germany. Valentine Schultz, Jr., who bore the full patronymic of his father, was born in Germany, November 11, 1827, and was reared and educated in his native land. He was about nineteen years of age at the time of his parents' immigration to America, in 1846. The family first located in the state of Connecticut, but in 1847 removal was made to Erie, Pennsylvania, where soon afterward Valentine, Jr., entered upon an apprenticeship at the moulder's trade, in which he became a skilled artisan. He continued in the work of his trade as a journeyman until 1857, in which year he engaged in the retail grocery business, at the corner of Twenty-sixth and Peach streets. His ambition was one of definite action and well placed confidence, and his advancement came as the normal result of his own well directed efforts. With the passing of years he gained prestige as one of the leading business men and influential citizens of Erie, and he was the founder of an enterprise which became one of the most representative of its kind in the city. He took a lively and intelligent interest in public affairs, was a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, and he served as township treasurer from 1862 until 1863. He was also one of the first members of the city council from South Erie, and was a valued member of that body for a period of three years. His parents continued their residence in Erie until their death, and his own life came to its termination on the 21st of August, 1889, in Landau, Germany, and he was buried at Erie, Pennsylvania, September 21st. He was a man of sterling character and to him was ever accorded the unqualified confidence and esteem of the community in which he so long maintained his home. His religious faith

was that of the Catholic church, of which his wife also was a devout communicant. Their marriage was solemnized in 1852, and the devoted wife and mother passed to the life eternal in 1895. Concerning their children is the following brief data: Mary died in childhood, in 1858; F. William is proprietor of the successful enterprise conducted under the title of the South Erie Tea Company, and is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Frank D., of this review, was the next in order of birth; George and Jacob are interested principals in the F. D. Schultz Company, of which Frank D. is president; and Joseph died in 1877.

Frank D. Schultz gained his preliminary educational training in public schools of Erie, and supplemented this discipline by a course in the Canisius College, in Buffalo, New York. As a youth he became a clerk in the grocery establishment of his father, and after the latter's death, in 1889, he and his brothers succeeded to the business. With this enterprise he continued to be actively identified until 1899, when he became president of the Erie Pepsin Gum and Candy Company, to the expansion of whose important enterprise he has contributed most significantly, through the application of splendid initiative power and executive ability. In 1907 the title of the concern was changed to its present form,—the F. D. Schultz Company,—and he has since served as president of the corporation, which now conducts the largest manufactory of candies to be found in northern Pennsylvania and which thus represents one of the important industrial concerns which are lending to the commercial prestige of the city of Erie. Mr. Schultz has lent his co-operation in the promotion and substantial upbuilding of other representative corporations in his home city, where he has been a member of the directorate of the Erie Trust Companyy from the time of its reorganization and where he has served as president of the Mutual Building & Loan Society since 1890. The fine building occupied by the F. D. Schultz Company was erected by the company in 1907, is three stories in height above the basement and is regarded as one of the most modern and attractive of the business blocks of the city, besides which the offices of the company, in spaciousness and appointments, are unexcelled by any others in Erie.

In the progress and material welfare of his home city Mr. Schultz maintains a loyal and abiding interest, and every worthy enterprise or measure tending to conserve the prosperity of Erie enlists his earnest support. He is a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and holds membership also in the Board of Trade and the Erie Business Men's Exchange. His popularity in the community is of the most unequivocal order, and in a social way he is found identified with the Erie Club, the Country Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church and are liberal in the support of the various departments of parish and parochial work.

In his political adherency Mr. Schultz is found arrayed as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party, and in 1902 he was elected a member of the board of park commissioners of Erie, of which body he later became president. In the same year he was elected to represent his native county in the state legislature, where he made an admirable record, but he declined renomination after the expiration of his first term.

In 1884 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Schultz to Miss Grace C. Herrmann, who was born in Mill Creek township, this county, and who is a daughter of Christian and Agnes (Dick) Hermann, both natives of Germany and long numbered among the honored residents of Erie county. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have four children, all of whom remain at the parental home,—Herbert J., Valentina, Gertrude, and Frank M. Herbert J. is treasurer of the F. D. Schultz Company and is recognized as one of the representative business men of the younger generation in Erie.

Matthew H. Smith. Prominent among the agriculturists of Venango township is numbered Matthew H. Smith, grandson of the founder of the family in Erie county, Thomas Smith and his wife Sarah Harvey Smith. They came to America in 1784 in a sailing packet, this having been in the days when it took three months to cross the Atlantic, and landing in the harbor of New York they made their way to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where some of their children were born. In 1796, with his wife and family, Thomas Smith came to Lowville in Venango township, Erie county, where he took up four hundred acres of the virgin forest land, and from out this primeval wilderness in time evolved a beautiful and well cultivated farm and also served his adopted country as a valiant soldier in the war of 1812. There were born to him and his wife Sarah the following children: Samuel, John, Mary, Hannah, Sallie, James, David, Thomas, Robert, Harvey, Jane and Mary.

John, the second born son, who became the father of Matthew H. Smith, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1786, and he too served the country as a soldier in the war of 1812. He became a true citizen, a good neighbor and an honorable business man. He married on the 25th of September, 1810, Elizabeth Taylor; and they became the parents of the following children: Thomas H., Ann S., John, Sarah, Robert, Jane, Elizabeth, George D. and Matthew H. George D. served with the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war, and he died from disease at Cumberland, Maryland, June 27, 1865. The father was called from this life on the 3d of March, 1877, and his wife Elizabeth died July 1, 1873.

Matthew H. Smith was born in Venango township May 10, 1832, and agriculture has been his life's work. He now owns and occupies the part of the homestead entered by his grandfather Thomas Smith, and his farm contains one hundred and fifty acres of well improved land. He is a practical farmer, a worthy citizen and a brave defender of the stars and stripes, for he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Second Regiment, Pennsylvania troops, and served as a Civil war soldier until his honorable discharge June 23, 1865. He has served his township as a road commissioner, as a tax collector and in other offices, and is a stanch and true friend to all commendable enterprises for the betterment of his community.

Mr. Smith has been twice married, wedding first, on the 14th of October, 1858, Miss Sophia Williams, and they had one son, Willis H., a resident of North East, Erie county. For his second wife he married Mrs. Almira Jones, from Greenfield township and the widow of Edwin T. Showerman. They were married on October 26, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are devout members of the Presbyterian church. He has membership relations with the Grand Army of the Republic at Wattsburg, and

Mrs. Smith is a member of the W. R. C. Mr. Smith is a true blue Republican.

Marvin E. Janes is a native born son of Erie county, and he descends from a line of Puritans who gave to the world Bishop Janes of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of a later generation from this illustrious ancestor was James Janes, the grandfather of Marvin E., and he was born at Grand Isle, Vermont, August 7, 1789. Moving in early manhood to Oxford in Upper Canada, he there on the 25th of July, 1809, wedded Miss Lucena Sage, a native of Bloomfield, New York. Mr. Janes later refused to take up arms against his country during the war of 1812, and moving to North East in Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, he soon afterward sent for his family and in 1818 settled in Venango township. He was found to be the first follower of Methodist doctrine in that township. The children of James and Lucena Janes were Lucina, Reuben, Mary, Allen S., Rebecca, Happylona, Heman, Sallie and Abigail. James Janes died January 16, 1831, and his wife passed away February 27, 1866.

James Janes, Jr., a son in the above family, was born March 19, 1815, and the death of his father left him at the age of fifteen with the care and responsibility of the family of six children. He also in time paid off all of his father's debts, and kept the family together, becoming a hard working but prosperous farmer. Of his own children James H. died in infancy, and James L., a Union soldier with the One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, died in the hospital at Point of Rocks, Virginia, December 17, 1864. James, the father, was a worthy member of the Presbyterian church, and a man held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

Marvin E. Janes was born June 15, 1836, and was reared and received his education in his native county of Erie, but like most of the farmers' children of those pioneer days his training was somewhat limited but sufficient to fit him for the high position he now holds in his community. In 1862 he offered his services to the Union cause and was enrolled with the One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after serving one year with the Army of the Potomac he was transferred to Sherman's army and participated in the celebrated march to the sea. After his honorable discharge from the army he again took up the work of the farm which he has owned since 1859 and which he has transformed from a wilderness to one of the finest homesteads of the community. In 1858 he was married to Miss Geraldine Stafford, and the two children of the union are Annie and James H. On the 25th of August, 1868, he wedded Miss Maria Louisa Shipman, who died on the 22d of June, 1869, and in 1871 he wedded Alice D. Allen, and two children have been born to them, Heman L. and Maria L., deceased. Mr. Janes has membership relations with the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is a stanch supporter of Republican principles.

Rev. Ralph J. Petitt has devoted his life to the work of the ministry and to agricultural pursuits. He was ordained a minister of the gospel in the Christian church of the Erie conference August 8, 1869, and was connected with that denomination as an active and efficient worker for fifteen years, and during that time he served as the pastor of the Pine Valley church and of the Oak Hill church. In September of 1899 he transferred his church relationship to the United Brethren denomination

and was admitted to a membership in the Erie Annual Conference of that church. He is now serving as the pastor of the Lowville United Brethren church, where his friends are many, for he has been thoroughly earnest and sincere in all his thoughts, words and deeds, and his noble life has proved an inspiration to many. Since 1886 his home has been upon his farm of fifty acres, which is devoted to dairy purposes.

Rev. Ralph J. Petitt was born in Chautauqua county, New York, September 8, 1838, and there he was reared and received his educational training. He is a son of Ralph and Julia (Lyons) Petitt, both of whom were born in Vermont but moved to Clymer in Chautauqua county, New York, in 1826, where they resided during the remainder of their lives, owning a farm there of two hundred acres. Ralph Petitt held several important township offices, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His children were: Justus, Clarissa, Lovina, Polly, Ralph J., William, Charlotte, James, Amanda and Burous. Ralph Petitt, the father, born in 1803, died in 1886, and Julia, his wife, born in 1806, died in 1883.

In November of 1857, Rev. Mr. Petitt was married to Lucinda Rhodes, who was born April 8, 1838, a daughter of Joseph and Ada (Church) Rhodes. The seven children of this marriage union are: Almira, Elvin E., Edith, LeRoy, Otis, Martin and Elmer, but the two last mentioned are deceased. Rev. Mr. Petitt is independent in politics and formerly was a member of the Masonic order.

Dr. Adella B. Woods is a medical practitioner of Erie, who, during the past thirty years, has established an excellent reputation and practice. She was born in North Springfield, this county, and is descended from pioneer families, which were active in developing the natural resources of the new country.

Matthias Brindle, her paternal grandfather, was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Elizabeth Hassler, a native of York county. In 1800, he took up four hundred acres of land on the banks of Lake Erie, in Springfield township, Erie county. Here he reared his family, and with their help established a homestead, on which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and his conduct was in keeping with his faith. He was prominent in local political affairs and served in various township offices, and was an incorporator of the East Springfield Cemetery. He served in the War of 1812. He died in 1845, his wife having died in 1840. The old homestead, which the grandfather established, remained in the family from 1800 until a comparatively recent date, when it was sold to the Carnegie Company. Matthias and Elizabeth Brindle had thirteen children, eleven of whom lived to maturity. One of these children, Samuel H. Brindle, was the father of Adella B. Woods. He was born November 11, 1807, and died in January, 1898. He was married to Miss Mary Ebersole in 1846. Mary Ebersole was one of the four children of Joseph Ebersole and Catherine Wagner Ebersole, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively, who after their marriage, settled on a farm of forty acres on the Buffalo road two and one-half miles from the City Park. All of their children were born in the house still standing on that farm, and now occupied by John A. Brindle.

Mary Ebersole was born October 30, 1820, and died August 10, 1904. Dr. Woods' maternal great-grandfather was Christian Ebersole (also written Eversole), a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who

with his wife and eight children, came to Mill Creek township in 1801, and bought from the Commonwealth, Reserve Tract No. 50, part of which later became the Erie County Fair Grounds and part of which still remains in the possession of Dr. Woods. Samuel H. Brindle and Mary Ebersole Brindle had four children; Catherine Virginia, who died in infancy; Samuel E., who died in 1882; John A., who resides on the old homestead, and Adella, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Woods supplemented her elementary education by a course in the Erie high school, graduating with the first class in 1869. She then devoted three years to teaching in the city schools, spending a portion of that period as a preceptor in the high school. The doctor commenced her professional studies in the medical department of the University of Michigan, and completed them in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and received her degree in 1876. Her theoretical knowledge was then put into practice as an interne in the Woman's Hospital, which is connected with the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. In 1877 Dr. Woods was married to Arthur A. Woods of Erie, from whom she separated in 1897. Immediately after her marriage, she began the practice of her profession in Erie, and has conducted it with success. She is affiliated with the Erie County Medical Society, for which she served as secretary for two years. She is a member of the Woman's Club and the College Woman's Club, now serving as president of the latter. Dr. Woods is the mother of two daughters, who, through her efforts, have had the advantages of the best schools in the country. Bertha Ruth is a graduate of the Erie high school, and of Wellesley College. She is now a preceptor in the high school at Trenton, New Jersey. Ethelreda graduated from the Erie high school, completed a course at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and on April 29, 1909, was married to Dr. Jesse Glenn Humphrey. They now reside at Tidioute.

Dr. Woods recently received a public honor, being the first woman to be presented as a candidate for school director in the city of Erie. The civic department of the Woman's Club brought her forward as a candidate in the First ward; later she received the regular nomination of the Republican party, and at the election in February, 1909, she carried her precinct by a rousing majority, although she was defeated in the entire ward by ninety- one votes.

David A. Sawdey. Few names are more familiar in connection with the civic and industrial annals of Erie county than that borne by the subject of this review, who is a native of this county, a scion of one of its honored pioneer families, and himself a representative member of the legal profession in this favored section of the old Keystone state. He is engaged in the practice of law in the city of Erie and is the owner of the old Sawdey homestead farm, which is recognized as one of the finest in northern Pennsylvania and which is one of more than a little historic interest, as further data in this article will reveal.

David A. Sawdey was born on the old homestead just mentioned and the same is situated in Conneaut township, whose attractions are practically unrivalled by those of any agricultural community in the Union. He is a son of Captain David and Eliza A. (Bond) Sawdey. Captain Sawdey was a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Sawdey. He gained his early education in his native state and was sixteen years of age at the time of the family

removal to New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade. The art of Vulcan seems not to have appealed to the young man, however, since he soon "bought his time" from his employer, and went forth on a voyage made by a whaling vessel. A seafaring life proved sufficiently alluring to invoke his allegiance after this initial experience, and he shipped on a merchant vessel in the then important trade with the East Indies, to which tropic islands he made several voyages. Gradually he gained promotion until he became captain, and eventually owner and commander of his own vessel, with which he carried on independent operations as a merchant trader. On one of his return voyages from the East Indies, during the French and English war, his ship and cargo were captured and confiscated by the English and he himself even suffered the indignity of being cast into prison. His release was finally effected through the insistent intervention of the United States government.

After retiring from his long association with the "merciful, merciless sea" Captain Sawdey located in Paris, New York, where he was engaged in the mercantile business until 1821, when he disposed of his interests there and came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, as one of the pioneers of Conneaut township, where he purchased a large tract of land, upon which he took up his residence in the following year. This homestead, which for four score of years has been known as the Sawdey farm, was originally designated as the town of Lexington, which comprised six hundred acres laid out in town lots in 1797, by Colonel Dunning McNair. Of this original town, representing over-ambitious plans on the part of its promoter, Captain Sawdey originally purchased about three hundred acres. The little village of Lexington was on this land and at the time it had two or more distilleries, two hotels, a general store and a blacksmith shop. All of these were purchased by Captain Sawdey, who thus rose to the dignity of owner of a "ready-made" town. In 1823, in connection with the work of improving and cultivating the broad acres of his farm, he also engaged in the general merchandise business in Lexington village, where he was appointed postmaster in the same year. This position he retained until the removal of the office on the completion of the Erie and Beaver Canal. In early days the Sawdey farm was the military training ground for the people of the northern part of Crawford county and southern portion of Erie county, and the records indicate that many interesting events there occurred when he populace gathered for the "training days,"—important features of the pioneer epoch. Or the farm today are standing, in good preservation and still in practica. utilization, buildings which were erected by Captain Sawdey fully three-quarters of a century ago. At the present time this fine property is owned by David A. Sawdey, whose name initiates this sketch, and who is now the only living representative of the immediate family. It is uniformly conceded to be one of the finest farms in northern Pennsylvania, and is one of the "show places" of Erie county, attracting many visitors each year. It now comprises five hundred acres of most fertile land, whose topography is attractive and whose beauty is enhanced by many fine old trees,—veritable monarchs of the primeval forest. Originally walnut timber grew in great profusion on the land, and the soil is commonly designated as "walnut soil," implying superior excellence and long-continued integrity of the elements making for productiveness.

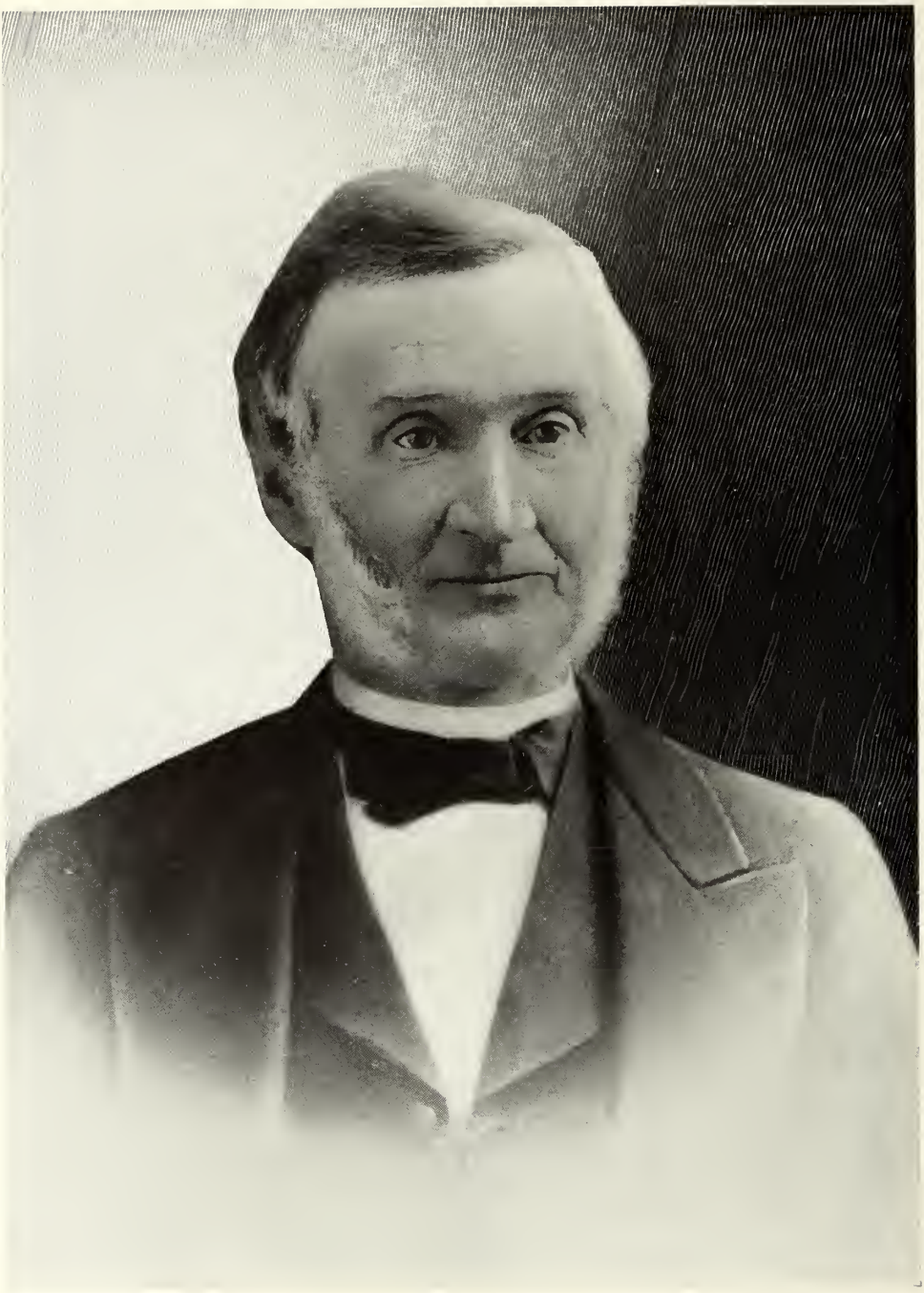
Captain Sawdey was a man of strong individuality and well fortified opinions, so that he naturally wielded a marked influence in public

affairs in his community. He was one of the first commissioners of Conneaut township, and in 1837 he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature, where he ably conserved the interests of Erie county. In 1841 further token of popular confidence and esteem was accorded him, in that he was elected to the office of county commissioner, of which he continued incumbent for three years. He was a man of generous impulses and utmost kindliness, and his name merits an enduring place on the roll of the sterling and honored pioneers of Erie county.

Captain Sawdey was twice married. The maiden name of his first wife was Zerviah Smith, and she was a member of a fine old Quaker family of New Bedford, Massachusetts. She died in 1847, leaving no children, and in 1849 was solemnized the marriage of Captain Sawdey to Miss Eliza A. Bond, of Fredonia, New York, where her parents were honored pioneers, as well as representatives of well known colonial families. To this union were born two children,—a girl who died in childhood and David A., to whom this sketch is dedicated. Captain Sawdey passed to the life eternal December 5, 1859, in the fulness of worthy accomplishment and well earned honors. His wife survived him by many years and continued to make her home in Erie county until her death, which occurred May 30, 1895.

David A. Sawdey secured his rudimentary education in the district schools of his native township, and was prepared for college at Fredonia, New York, which was then the seat of a college of no inconsiderable note. After due preliminary study he was matriculated in the celebrated University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, an institution which today takes precedence over all other state universities in the Union, and there he was graduated as a member of the class of 1876, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Somewhat later he began reading law under effective preceptorship, and on the 1st of December, 1881, he was admitted to the bar of his native county, where he has since been successfully engaged in the general practice of his profession, with residence and headquarters in the city of Erie. He gives a general supervision to his farm, which is now devoted largely to dairy purposes, in which line it is a veritable model.

His interests and affections center in the city and county of Erie, and all that tends to forward their welfare receives his earnest support and co-operation. He takes a loyal interest in public affairs, though he has never sought political office of any description. He is one of the most active and prominent representatives of the Masonic fraternity in his native state. He has passed the chairs of all the Masonic bodies in Erie and has attained to the thirty-third and final degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry. Upon the death of John J. Wadsworth, in 1893, he was chosen district deputy grand master of the grand lodge of Free & Accepted Masons, for the twenty-fourth district. He is a member of the committee having in charge the affairs of Masonic homes in Pennsylvania, and is a member of the board of trustees of the Thomas R. Patton memorial orphanage for boys. His charities and benevolences in general are extended with discrimination and without ostentation, and his course in life has been so directed as to gain and retain to him the unequivocal confidence and esteem of his fellow men. He is essentially one of the representative citizens of Erie county, and is a worthy scion of one of its sterling pioneer families, as the text of this article clearly indicates.



J. C. Spencer

Melvin J. Smith. The Smith family, of which Melvin J., commissioner from Wayne township, is a strong representative, has been a recognized force in the progress of the agricultural and governmental affairs of Erie county for more than a century. Its ancestors, who were from the north of Ireland, were Scotch-Irish, and the paternal and maternal grandfathers, Samuel and William Smith, emigrated to Wayne township in the early portion of the nineteenth century. Thus they became among its earliest pioneers. James D. Smith, the father of Melvin J., was born in the township named in the year 1817 and died in 1900, while his mother (nee Emeline Smith) was born in 1819 and died in 1898. They were both life-long and active members of the Presbyterian church, and the husband was prominent in the public affairs of the township, holding various offices, such as that of justice of the peace, for many years.

Melvin J. Smith, of this sketch, was born on the old ancestral farm in Wayne township, August 28, 1861, and he was reared on the homestead which is a part of the original tract of land taken up by his grandfather fully a century ago. He received a thorough education in the district schools of the township, at the Corry high school and the Commercial College. He has applied his industry and his trained mind to the mastery and application of agriculture—than which, under modern scientific and business methods, there can be no more satisfying or honorable avocation, or one which more thoroughly proves individual ability and enterprise. His personal successes have brought him public preferment, and he had efficiently filled various township offices when on May 10, 1906, he was appointed county commissioner to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Norman T. McClellan. The appointment was quite unexpected, but his service was so satisfactory that his Republican friends and supporters elected him to the office for the regular term in November, 1908.

Mr. Smith's wife was Miss Marion Turner, born in Corry, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Anna (Purdy) Turner, the former of whom was a native of England and the latter, of Scotland. Both are deceased, Mr. Turner being well remembered as the able and faithful foreman of the Climax foundry at Corry for a period of twenty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Smith have become the parents of Marian Emeline and James Turner Smith, and the mature members of the family are active in the work of the local Presbyterian church.

William Spencer. A dominating figure in connection with financial, business and civic affairs in Erie county is this native son of the county, and he is not only a worthy scion of sterling pioneer families of this favored section of the old Keystone state, but also bears a name which has been conspicuously identified with the general development and progress of Erie county. He has well upheld the high prestige of his patronymic and is one of the influential business men and honored citizens of Erie, where he has the distinction of being president of the First National Bank, an office in which he succeeded his father, who was its first president. His aid and co-operation have been given in the support of many important enterprises and measures which have conserved the upbuilding and material prosperity of this native city, and his personal and genealogical records merit a place of honor in every publication touching the history of Erie county.

William Spencer was born in the city of Erie, on the 14th of June, 1848, and is a son of Judah C. and Lavina S. (Sanford) Spencer, both

of whom were members of influential and honored pioneer families of Erie county. Judah Colt Spencer left a record of large and worthy achievement. He was one of the pioneer bankers of Erie and a man of wide influence in both civic and business affairs. He ordered his course upon the loftiest plane of integrity and honor, and his name merits an enduring place upon the roll of the founders and builders of this city and county. He was born in Hadlyme, New London county, Connecticut, on the 1st of July, 1813, and was a son of William and Deborah (Selden) Spencer. He was reared and educated in New England, where he continued to reside until 1829, when he came to Erie to assume a clerical position in the land office conducted by his uncle, Judah Colt, who was one of the early settlers of Erie county and executive head of the Pennsylvania Company, which historic corporation had much to do with the settlement and development of northern Pennsylvania, where it became the owner of large tracts of land, which were placed on the market and attracted the best class of settlers. Judah Colt died in 1832, and his nephew and namesake, Judah Colt Spencer, succeeded to much of the business of the land company mentioned. He continued in general supervision of the affairs of this corporation until the enterprise was brought to a close by him, about twenty years later. Within this period thousands of acres of land were sold through his instrumentality, and he thus did a most beneficent work in forwarding the development of northern Pennsylvania. As a resident of Erie he took a loyal interest in all movements advanced for the upbuilding and civic prosperity of the city, and he identified himself with many early industrial and commercial enterprises, whose success was furthered by his wise counsel as well as his capitalistic support. He was secretary and treasurer of the Erie & Northeast Railroad Company. until its consolidation with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company. His was a broad mental ken and his heart was attuned to sympathy and tolerance. so that his benevolences and charities were invariably well ordered and fruitful. In a more public department of necessary provision, it should be stated that he was one of twelve citizens who, more than sixty years ago, formed an association and literally subscribed the funds for the purchase of what is now the beautiful Erie cemetery, and he was the first secretary of the association, of which he later became manager and finally president, of which last mentioned office he continued incumbent for many years. For more than a score of years he was secretary of the Erie County Agricultural Society, and its interests were substantially promoted through his effective labors.

In 1852 Judah C. Spencer engaged in the banking business in Erie, and with this important line of enterprise he here continued to be prominently identified during the remainder of his long and signally useful life. He was one of the first to apply for and avail himself of the privileges of the law authorizing national banks, in which connection he was the founder of the First National Bank of Erie, which was the twelfth bank in the Union to be incorporated under the new law. He became the first president of the institution, and continued in tenure of this office until his death. Under his discriminating administration the bank gained the highest prestige and it has ever remained as one of the sylvania. Amid the exactions and cares of a signally active business most solid and prosperous of the financial institutions of northern Penn- career Mr. Spencer ever maintained a high appreciation of his stewardship as a man and a citizen, and it was his to aid his fellow men in

many unostentatious deeds of kindness and charity. His life was guided and governed by the most inviolable integrity, and he left the heritage of noble thoughts and noble deeds,—a bequeathment far greater than that which he was able to devise through the results of his pronounced success in connection with the productive activities of life. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He was for many years a member of the board of trustees of Park Presbyterian church, and was a member of the building committee when the present beautiful edifice was erected.

In May, 1837, was solemnized the marriage of Judah C. Spencer to Miss Lavinia Stanley Sanford, daughter of Giles and Laura (Goodwin) Sanford, of Erie, where her birth occurred on the 1st of September, 1817. Mrs. Spencer was a woman of gentle refinement and played a gracious part in the social life of her native city, where her memory is held in affectionate regard by all who came within the sphere of her influence. Mr. Spencer died on the 1st of September, 1885, and his widow survived him by only one year, as she was summoned to eternal rest on the 29th of September, 1886. Their children are as follows: William, of this sketch, is the youngest; Lavinia D. is the wife of the late Rt. Rev. J. F. Spaulding, Episcopal bishop of Colorado; Miss Frances L. remains at the old homestead in Erie and is a prominent and popular figure in the church and charitable work of the community, as well as in connection with social affairs of a representative order; Catherine who died in 1897 was the wife of Rev. Robert S. Van Cleve, a clergyman of the Presbyterian church and a resident of Erie.

William Spencer was reared to maturity in Erie, and after availing himself of the advantages of Erie Academy he was prepared for college in an excellent school at Princeton, New Jersey. In due time he was matriculated in Princeton College, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1870, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After his graduation he made an extended foreign trip, in which he visited Great Britain and various countries of the European continent, and upon his return to Erie he assumed a clerical position in the First National Bank. He was promoted gradually from one position to another and was an executive officer of the institution for a number of years prior to the death of his honored father, whom he succeeded in the presidency, an office of which he has since been incumbent. The bank was organized in 1863 and it is worthy of particular note that in its history it has had but two presidents,—father and son. This is a record probably not duplicated in the history of any national bank of comparatively equal age in the entire Union.

Like his father, William Spencer has been closely identified with the development of Erie, and all that has concerned his native city has ever laid closely to his heart, as the place is endeared to him by the generous associations compassing him from the time of his nativity to the present. His loyalty and public spirit are ever to be relied upon, and he has given his influence and support to all measures advanced for the general good of his home city and county. Liberal in the support of industrial enterprises which enhance the general welfare in a direct and reflex way, he has been financially interested in the upbuilding of some of the largest and most important industrial concerns of Erie, besides those representing public utilities. Thus he became one of the

interested principals in the Erie Traction Company and the Mutual Telephone Company, in each of which he held the office of vice-president. As a man and a citizen he has well upheld the prestige of the honored name which he bears, and no resident of Erie stands more secure in popular confidence and esteem than does he. He is an elder of the Park Presbyterian church, and is active and zealous in the various departments of church work, as well as in connection with practical benevolences and charities. In politics he gives his support to the cause of the Republican party, and he is identified with various social and civic organizations, including the Princeton Club, of Erie, of which he is president.

On the 22nd of January, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of William Spencer to Miss Mary DuPuy, daughter of Charles M. DuPuy, of Philadelphia, and of this union six children have been born. Concerning them the following data are given: Judah Colt Spencer, who was graduated in Princeton University as a member of the class of 1907, is now an interested principal in one of the leading manufacturing concerns of Erie; Charles DuPuy Spencer, is a member of the class of 1909 in Princeton University; Maude is the wife of George H. U. Corbett, M. D., of Stynnig, Sussex county, England; Eleanor Lavinia remains at the parental home; William Marvin is a student at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, where he is preparing for entrance to Princeton University; and Herbert Reynolds is attending the Erie schools.

Fred Orton. Prominent among the business men of Erie county is numbered Fred Orton, a manufacturer of lumber and chair legs, and his large establishment is located one mile north of Phillipsville. His early life was spent in the manufacture of lumber, an occupation in which his father was also engaged, and since 1897 he has been identified along his present line.

Born in Harbor Creek township on the 16th of January, 1872, Fred Orton attended the common school there and in Venango township. He is a son of Chauncy and Mary J. (Henry) Orton, the former from Venango township in Erie county, and the latter from Tennessee, born in 1841, and on the paternal side he is a grandson of Erastus Orton. The latter was born in Oswego county, New York, May 3, 1821, and coming to Erie county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1840, he established his home in Venango township, where three years later he purchased a farm of one hundred acres of land. On the 20th of June, 1841, he was united in marriage with Lydia Plumb, who was born in Oneida county, New York, December 1, 1827, a daughter of Chauncy Plumb. Of the eleven children born of this union the following six grew to years of maturity: Chauncy, now deceased; Frances, Truman, Berah, Lydia and A. C. Erastus Orton died in 1898, and his wife Lydia survived until 1904.

Chauncy Orton learned the blacksmith's trade in his early life, and later followed the manufacture of lumber, while still later in life he became a farmer. He was a good business man, and his various enterprises were attended with success. He died in the year of 1899, his widow residing in Venango township. They were the parents of five Francis and Truman. August 30, 1899, Fred Orton was united in marchildren: Annie, now Mrs. Swanson; Hazel, Mrs. McClelland; Fred,

riage with Miss Anna Henderson, who was born in Greenfield township, February 10, 1882, and their two children are Gladys I. and Milton C.

Justus W. Fuller. During many years the late Justus W. Fuller was a leading factor in the life and interests of his part of Erie county, and as a citizen, as a man of business and as an honorable Christian gentleman no man had a clearer record or was more highly respected than he. He was a farmer in Venango township during his entire business career, and he was also numbered among its native sons, born on the 27th of July, 1830, to Tiffany N. and Nancy (Walker) Fuller, who were married October 21, 1823. Tiffany N. Fuller was one of eleven children born to Timothy S. and Ann (Nettleton) Fuller, and two of the sons served their country in the war of 1812 and one in the Mexican war. Tiffany N. Fuller came from his native county of Genesee, New York, to Erie county, Pennsylvania, with his father in 1818, and here by hard work he in time hewed a profitable and well cultivated farm from out the wilderness. There were born to him and his wife Nancy six children, namely: Samuel, Erskine, Justus W., Silas, George W. and Maryetta. Silas served with the One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the Civil war. Mrs. Nancy Fuller died on the 23rd of December, 1840, and Mr. Fuller married for his second wife Betsy Corry. He died on the 29th of May, 1875, honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

Justus W. Fuller, a son of Tiffany and Nancy Fuller, married on the 19th of October, 1851, Miss Mary E., a daughter of Abram Coons, of Rensselaer county, New York. Mrs. Fuller was born near Albany, that state, December 25, 1837, and she was twelve years of age when she came with her parents to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1849. The following children were born into their happy household: Lafayette N., Nellie W. (deceased), Cassius M., U. Silas and George W. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were devout and earnest members of the Baptist church from the time its services were first held at Wattsburg. He was a life-long Republican, and served his township as a school director for two terms. His path was ever upward, his friends were many, and at his death in 1907 a community mourned the loss of one of its truest and best citizens. His widow survives him, and is spending the evening of her long and useful life surrounded by her family and friends.

Cassius M. Fuller, a son of Justus W. and Mary E. Fuller, was born in Venango township April 16, 1860, and following in the footsteps of his honored father he has become an agriculturist and is the owner of a well stocked farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres. He married on the 30th of January, 1884, Miss Dora E., a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Derrick) Black. She was born in Venango township, May 25, 1861. Although their marriage has been without issue they have adopted a daughter, Miss Malinda Fuller, a teacher in the public schools. She was educated in the public schools and graduated in the class of 1906 at Wattsburg. She had attended Edinboro Normal two terms and taught two years in the schools in Weeks Valley, and the primary department at the Lowville public school. She has had a musical education.

Albert H. Bliss has throughout his entire life been identified with Venango township and its interests, and during many years he has been one of its most substantial farmers and dairymen. To his father's homestead of one hundred acres he in 1879 added one hundred and fifty acres

thus becoming the owner of a large and splendidly improved estate, and in 1889 he built thereon the fine home in which he now resides. For his dairy he keeps forty cows of the Durham strain, and the many departments of his farm are conducted under the most modern methods.

Mr. Bliss was born in Venango township September 25, 1839, to the marriage union of Albert and Cynthia (Smith) Bliss, and he is one of their eight children: Melvina (deceased), Caroline, Theresa, Lovina (deceased), Semantha (deceased), Amanda, Emily, and Albert H. Albert Bliss, the father, was born in Herkimer county, New York, in 1804, and died in 1889, while his wife Cynthia was born in 1807, and died in 1859. Moving to Venango township in Erie county, Pennsylvania, about the year of 1835, they enrolled their names among the early pioneers of this community. The one hundred acres of land which he purchased here he brought to a beautiful and productive farm. He was a patriotic and substantial citizen, advocating the principles of the Republican party, and he was a worthy member of the Presbyterian church.

In the year of 1879 was celebrated the marriage of Albert H. Bliss and Miss Sarah Hall, and February 20, 1895, he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Sheller, but there was no issue by either union. Mrs. Bliss is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Bliss is a Republican, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Wattsburg.

James T. Thompson. Grand achievements always excite admiration, and among those who have brought their names prominently before the public in Erie county as one of the public benefactors is J. T. Thompson, the promoter of the Independent Telephone lines throughout the county. In bringing this enterprise into prominence they had to surmount many obstacles, the greatest of which was probably the established Bell lines, but their persistency won success, and they now have two hundred and forty patrons and the lines touch every point in the county, while the center is at Phillipsville. Mr. Thompson has also an agency for the leading farming implements and machinery, including a line of dairy machinery such as cream separators, etc. His farm of two hundred acres is devoted to dairy purposes, keeping about twenty-five cows of the Holstein and Jersey breeds, and he makes his own butter. In the manufacture of this commodity he uses the most approved modern machinery, and he finds a ready market at Erie City.

Born in Venango township August 18, 1866, he is a son of Robert and Sarah J. (Demming) Thompson, the former born in Ireland and the latter on board ship of Irish parents en route to America. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson located on a small farm of fifty acres in Venango township, and there their three children were born: John, Sarah and James T. The daughter married A. O. Yaples. Robert Thompson died in 1897, and his widow subsequently married a Mr. Vogel, of Wattsburg.

James T. Thompson married on the 22d of February, 1888, Miss Minnie Austin, who was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1868, a daughter of Edward and Rhoda Austin, and to the marriage union have been born six children,—Frances, Ross, Ralph, Lewis, Leonard and Harold. Mr. Thompson is a worthy member and a stanch supporter of the Grange. He began his business career as a poor boy, and it has been on the ladder of his own building that he has climbed to success and public recognition. He is a Republican.

CHARLES H. BRACKEN. Holding high rank among the active and progressive business men of Corry, Pennsylvania, is Charles H. Bracken, of the firm of Bracken Brothers, wholesale produce dealers. A son of George W. Bracken, he was born in Columbus, Warren county, January 9, 1845. He comes from substantial English ancestry, being a lineal descendant, in the sixth generation, of William Bracken, the emigrant ancestor, the line of descent, as traced by Dr. H. M. Bracken, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, being as follows: William (1), Thomas (2), Thomas (3), William (4), George W. (5), and Charles H. (6).

In his history of the Bracken family, Dr. Bracken says that so far as known William (1) Bracken was born in Yorkshire, England, and from there emigrated to America. The first authentic account of him in the United States is taken from the public records of Wilmington, Delaware, where we find that William Bracken, of Newcastle county, Delaware, requested a grant of one hundred acres of land adjoining that of John Evans, near Red Clay Creek, for which he agreed to pay twelve pounds, ten shillings, per hundred acres, and to give a bushel of wheat for each acre per annum, to be paid December 25, 1703, with interest from December 25, 1702. The will of this William (1) Bracken is recorded among the Wilmington, Delaware, wills, in Book G, Page 459.

Thomas (2) Bracken, born in England, married in Delaware, where the Wilmington records show that his father deeded him two hundred acres of land on condition that he would make no further claim on the parental estate. Thomas also bought of his father two hundred acres of land lying on the north side of White Clay Creek, on November 17, 1749, the consideration, according to Book Q, Wilmington Deeds, Page 237, being love, good will, and twenty pounds in money. In consequence of the above agreement, his father willed him one shilling, only. Previous to 1759, Thomas (2) Bracken removed from Newcastle county, Delaware, to Huntington township, in that part of New York that is now included in Adams county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a large tract of land. He was, in 1760 and 1761, one of the vestrymen of Christ church in Huntington. In his will, probated November 14, 1780, he bequeathed thirty pounds in trust to the trustees of that church to be put to interest, the money accruing from said sum to be used for the poor of the church.

Thomas (3) Bracken was, without doubt, born in Delaware, and lived with, or near, his father, in York county, Pennsylvania. In 1778, he removed to Westmoreland county, settling in that portion now included within the limits of Washington county. He there took up two tracts of land, one called Three Shares on Chartiers Creek, near Cannonsburg, and the other known as Logan Water, on Raccoon Creek. He was one of the first ruling elders of the Chartiers Presbyterian church, and one of the first trustees of the Cannonsburg Academy. He died in February, 1803. He was twice married, by his first wife, who was a Miss Kilmary, having four children. He married second Ann Shannon of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

William (4) Bracken was the oldest son born to his father and his first wife, and was ten years old when his parents moved to Westmoreland county. For a number of years after beginning life for himself he lived on a farm near Cannonsburg. He subsequently traded that for four hundred acres of land at Fort Leboeuf, near Union City, Erie

county, assuming its possession in 1808, when he settled there as a pioneer. He at once erected a two-story log house, a very pretentious structure for those days. Settlers were then few and far between, there being but few openings in the wilderness thereabout, which was the home of wild animals of all kinds, and the hunting ground of the Indians. During the war of 1812 he was called upon to serve as a soldier, but his son Thomas volunteered to go in his place as a substitute. In 1814 he took the contract to build the academy building at Waterford, and at that time moved to a farm on the flats near that place, it having been reserved by the state to support the academy. In 1826 he returned to his own farm, where he subsequently resided until his death, in 1850. Four years previous to that time, he was left a widower by the death of his second wife. Subsequently he started with a team to visit his sons and other relatives, driving across the country, and spending sometime in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. In the spring of 1850, having made all of his intended visits, he started to drive to his home, in Pennsylvania, from Kentucky, and had proceeded but a short distance when he died at the home of his niece, in April, 1850, near Shelbyville, Kentucky. He married first Jane Thompson, and married second a widow, whose maiden name was Sarah King.

George W. (5) Bracken was born, December 9, 1816, in Leboeuf, Erie county, Pennsylvania. Beginning to learn the trade of a cabinet maker at the age of sixteen years, he served an apprenticeship of four years with Mr. Vincent, in Cleveland, Ohio, which was then a small city, without any railway facilities. Completing his trade, he worked as a journeyman for awhile, and in 1841 opened a furniture manufactory in Columbus, Warren county. His factory being burned in January, 1847, he removed to the old home farm, in Leboeuf, where he resided two years. Rebuilding then the factory in Columbus, he continued the manufacture of furniture, and also established himself as an undertaker, carrying on both lines of business successfully for a number of years. Giving up the furniture manufacturing, he subsequently devoted his attention to the undertaking business until his death, May 6, 1895, at the age of seventy-nine years. He married Angeline Lloyd, who was born at Watertown, New York, April 19, 1823, a daughter of James and Urana (Canfield) Lloyd. Left an orphan at the age of four years, she and her brother, George Lloyd, were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheffield, of Columbus, Chenango county, New York, and with them came, in 1827, to Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania. She died February 3, 1879, several years before the death of her husband. She was the mother of ten children, namely: Charles H., of this sketch; Louisa U.; Minerva; DeWitt L.; G. Duane; Archie T.; Nellie E.; Martha M.; Minnie, who died at the age of five years; and John L.

In March, 1864, before attaining his majority, Charles H. Bracken enlisted in Company C, First New York Engineers. He went with his company to Hilton Head, South Carolina, going by boat, and in that vicinity served the greater part of the time until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged Returning home, he was employed as a clerk in Columbus until the spring of 1866, when he went to Geneseo, Henry county, Illinois, where he was similarly employed for three years, and was the fourth year engaged in mercantile business for himself. The Indian Reservation in Southern Kansas being then thrown open for settlement, Mr. Bracken went there, purchased a claim of one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, lived on it for a year,

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keeping old bachelor's hall, and having secured a title to the land sold it, and returned to his native state. In July, 1872, Mr. Bracken established himself, in company with Mr. Miner, in the wholesale produce business in Corry. Mr. Miner retired from the firm the following year, and Mr. Bracken's brother DeWitt succeeded him, the firm name becoming Bracken Brothers. This is one of the longest established mercantile firms in the city, and one of the most successful, its trade being large and lucrative.

Mr. Bracken has been twice married. He married first, in 1878, Orrissa Wight, a school teacher. She was born in Allegheny county, New York, December 14, 1848, a daughter of Benjamin and Jerusha Wight. She died at an early age, her death occurring April 16, 1888. Mr. Bracken married second, June 10, 1891, Florence Williams, who was born near Scranton, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1860, a daughter of Luke S. and Olive Jane (Miller) Williams. By his first marriage, Mr. Bracken has three children, Herbert D., Angeline J., and Bernice. Herbert D. married Stella Powell, and they have one daughter, Orrissa Bracken. Mr. and Mrs. Bracken have one child, Olin W.

Francis T. Nagorski. A resident of the city of Erie since his boyhood days, Mr. Nagorski has here attained to distinctive prestige as one of the able and popular younger members of the bar of the county, and he has also gained marked recognition as a loyal citizen and progressive business man. He is engaged in the successful practice of his profession in Erie, and is also one of the interested principals in the East Side Building & Loan Association, of which he was primarily the organizer.

Mr. Nagorski was born in the village of Wyszyn, near Dantzig, in western Prussia, on the 18th of September, 1879, and he is a son of John and Frances (Klavitter) Nagorski, representatives of old and honored families of that section of Prussia. In 1888 the parents severed the ties which bound them to their native land and came to the United States. In April of that year they took up their residence in Erie, where they have still maintained their home and where they have the respect and confidence of all who know them. The father was actively engaged in business as a contractor and builder until 1895, since which time he has lived virtually retired from active business, as his health has continued to remain much impaired.

Francis T. Nagorski gained his rudimentary education in the public schools of his native land and was about nine years of age at the time of the family immigration to America. He was reared to maturity in Erie, and here continued his educational work in St. Stanislaus parochial school, after which he became a student in the well ordered Polish seminary in the city of Detroit, Michigan, where he remained for some time. He also attended the high school in Erie, and in 1900 he was matriculated in the law department of the celebrated University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1904, with the well earned degree of Bachelor of Laws.

On the 1st of July, 1905, Mr. Nagorski was admitted to the bar of Erie county, and here he served his novitiate in the work of his chosen profession, in which his success has been unequivocal, both as an advocate and counselor. Since February, 1908, he has been associated in practice with Charles H. English, a graduate of Georgetown Uni-

versity, and the firm maintains the title of Nagorski & English. In October, 1907, Mr. Nagorski effected the organization of the East Side Building & Loan Association, of which he was one of the incorporators and in which he is an executive officer. This association was formed for the special purpose of developing the Polish settlement in Erie, and by it a most beneficent work is being done. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and is the advocate of that order in Erie. He enjoys marked popularity in his home city and is known as a young man of fine intellectual and professional attainments.

Charles F. Kapple. No man is better known or more highly respected in his township than Charles F. Kapple, who was born in Concord township, Erie county, April 4, 1853. He is a son of George and Marjory (Gray) Kapple, of Chautauqua county, New York, who moved from there in 1851, settling in Concord township on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. George Kapple was a hard-working and prosperous farmer, and his children were: Charles F., William G. (deceased), Alice J. (deceased), and Glen C., all except Alice J. being born in Concord township.

Charles F. Kapple was reared in Wayne township, and there received his education. He now conducts a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, mostly devoted to dairying and general farming, and he has twenty fine Durham milch cows, besides some other stock. Mr. Kapple has the entire confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, and has served his township as supervisor for three terms, being still in that office. He is an earnest member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Wattsburg, and is also affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 533, of Wattsburg, having with dignity and honor presided in the Oriental chair three terms. He is now secretary of the lodge, which office he fills with satisfaction to all and credit to himself, having held same for a number of years. He is a man of true and sterling worth, who directs his efforts towards whatever task lies next him, and faithfully performs his duties as a citizen and patriot, and has a large circle of friends.

Mr. Kapple married Mary J. McCullough, daughter of James A. and Adelaide (Bennett) McCullough, and to this happy union were born no children. The McCullough family are further mentioned elsewhere in this work, in connection with an article on Ross McCullough. Mr. Kapple is a Republican.

Delford R. Kimmy, of Amity township, Erie county, is a grandson of one of the earliest settlers of Amity, James Kimmy. James Kimmy was a son of Peter Kimmy, born in county Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1770. Peter Kimmy emigrated to the United States when sixteen years of age, landing in Baltimore. Having the desire to possess land, on which he might hew out a living and competence for himself and family, he looked about for a place to settle, and finally located in Crawford county, Pennsylvania. Here he married in 1797, Ruth Evans, a most charming and worthy helpmeet, who was born in 1772. To them were born nine children, namely: William, Mary, James, Nancy, Jane, Peter, Catherine, Elizabeth and Esther. Peter Kimmy died in 1816, at the age of forty-six, and his widow died in 1859.

James Kimmy was living in Waterford, Erie county, in 1836. In 1825 he was united in marriage with Ellen McClenahan, and they had

four children, as follows: William (deceased), Peter, Hiram (deceased), and Rachel (deceased). Mrs. Kimmy died in 1836, and James Kimmy then married Polly Hinkson, by whom he had one son, Isaac. James Kimmy died in 1885, and his widow survived him three years. In 1909 his descendants numbered one hundred and five.

Peter Kimmy was born August 23, 1827, in Waterford township, Erie county, and married a native of Amity township, born April 16, 1836, whose Christian name was Sarah. To them were born these children, namely: William, Polly, Mary E., Syrenaus, Sylvester (deceased), Delford, Charles and Estella. Mrs. Kimmy died January 17, 1909. Peter Kimmy was a farmer and carpenter.

Delford Kimmy, sixth child of his parents, was born in Amity township, May 12, 1867, and was educated in the common schools of his native township. In early life he learned the trade of carpentry from his father, and subsequently took up farming, which has proven very congenial to him, and in which he has been very successful. He is a practical farmer and mechanic, and owns and operates a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, which he purchased in 1905. His fine herd of twenty-three Durham cows is a source of gratification and profit to him, and he makes a specialty of dairying. He is a useful and respected citizen, and stands well in the community.

Mr. Kimmy married, January 1, 1892, Eva Ticht, daughter of Lewis and Emily (Wooden) Ticht, who was born in Delaware county, New York, April 13, 1875. Mr. Kimmy votes the Prohibition ticket.

James R. Smith, M. D. has gained enviable prestige as one of the most able and successful of the younger practitioners of medicine and surgery in Erie county, and a man of scholary attainments he is making a deep and careful research into the two sciences to which he is devoting his life. Born at Norwich, Connecticut, in 1878, he was reared and educated there, and he prepared for his medical career at the Medico Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, of which he is a graduate with the class of 1904. His first year's practice was in Philadelphia, and he was interne one year at Adrian Hospital, Punxsutawney, was then one year at Reynoldsville, and then coming to Wattsburg he has practiced here since with uninterrupted success, maintaining his position among the leaders of the profession. He is a member of both the County and State Medical societies.

The doctor is a son of James H. and Elizabeth (Ringland) Smith, both of whom were born in Connecticut, and he was the third born of their seven children and the only one of the family living in Pennsylvania. He married in 1902 Miss Mary A. Palmer. He has fraternal relations with both the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 119, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 519, Reynoldsville.

Martin Alford, a practical, industrious and progressive farmer of Amity township, was born there September 6, 1863, and is a son of Wellington and Sylvia (Long) Alford. Wellington Alford, a son of Martin and Sallie (Adams) Alford, was born March 31, 1837, in Chautauqua county, New York, and his wife was born May 6, 1841, being the daughter of Peter Long; they were married May 6, 1861. The Alford family came to Erie county about 1850, and the Longs were already residents of the county at that time. Wellington Alford died in 1882, and his

widow still resides in Amity township. They had children as follows: Martin, Luella, Chloe, Dexter, Minnie, Corrington, Oliver, Leon and an infant, deceased.

Martin Alford was educated in the common schools of his native township, and has since followed farming in the same place. He has a well-cultivated farm of eighty-five acres, and devotes it chiefly to dairying, having a fine herd of cattle. Mr. Alford is a member in good standing of the following fraternal orders: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 118, in Wattsburg, of which he is past noble grand; Odd Fellows Encampment of Union City; Order of Rebekahs, and the Order of the Moose, of Corry. He is a respected and useful citizen, and enjoys the friendship of all who know him.

Mr. Alford married, July 27, 1887, Rachel, daughter of Hiram and Betsey (Hinkson) Kimmy, who was born on the farm now occupied by herself and husband, March 24, 1871. The Kimmy family are further mentioned in this work, in connection with Delford Kimmy. Benjamin Hinkson came to Erie county from Vermont, about 1818. Mr. and Mrs. Alford became parents of five children, as follows: Ralph, born August 5, 1890; Melva, August 16, 1893; Carl A., November 6, 1900; Roy, the eldest child, born June 27, 1888, died the following year, and one child who died in infancy. Mr. Alford is a true blue Republican.

James W. Donaldson, of Wattsburg, descends from one of the most prominent of the early pioneer families of Erie county. The ancestry is traced in a direct line to one James Donaldson, a native of county Galway, Ireland, a coachman who became in love with the daughter of a nobleman. She returned this love two-fold, but her father objected to the alliance and disinherited her, after which the young couple fled the country. In 1740 we find James and his wife Joannah in America, where they arrived after a long and rough voyage in crossing the Atlantic. To the union of this loving young couple were born two sons, Alexander and Andrew, but it is stated that Andrew was killed by the Indians after reaching man's estate.

Alexander Donaldson married Miss Jane Kennedy, from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1768. She was of Scotch origin and a member of a wealthy family for those days. Alexander and Jane Donaldson became the parents of the following children: Andrew, born in 1771; John, in 1773; James, February 20, 1775; Hannah, in 1777; Mary, in 1779; and Bailey, in 1781. Alexander Donaldson moved with his family from Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, with the intention of settling in the Bald Eagle country, the wife and children, with the exception of Andrew, going by boat by way of the Susquehanna river, while Alexander and his son Andrew, then about twelve years of age, crossed through the wilderness. The mother and children arrived safely, but the father and son failed to appear, and the searching party sent out after continuous and incessant investigation found the father, Alexander, dead, but the son was never found. Years after this the widow married a Mr. Brown and had two children, Jane and Moses. Of the surviving children: John never married; Bailey married Betsy Curnahan; Mary became the wife of John Vast, of Center county, Pennsylvania; Hannah became the wife of a Mr. Williams, of the same place; Moses Brown married Polly Wilson; and Jane Brown married and had ten children. These children all moved to Erie county with the exception of Jane Brown, who sought a home in Meadville, but her death occurred in Erie county.

James Donaldson, the third son of Alexander, with his brothers and sisters located in Venango township of this county in the spring of 1797, he being then twenty-two years old. The four brothers took land adjoining, and James after the lapse of six years returned to Center county and won and wed Mary Moore on May 16, 1804. Returning to Erie county they made their permanent home here, and their children were as follows: Jane, born February 23, 1805; Betsy, August 19, 1806; Hannah, March 14, 1808; Sallie, June 30, 1810; Polly, February 28, 1812; Anna, March 27, 1814; Margaret, February 2, 1816; Rebecca, March 13, 1818; Lydia, April 6, 1820; and William Alexander, November 20, 1822. James Donaldson served as a captain in the war of 1812, serving his country well and faithfully, and he was an expert hunter and trapper, successful beyond the average hunter. His grandson, James W. Donaldson of this review, after becoming old enough was his constant companion on these hunting trips. Captain James moved to Amity township in 1822, his family following in 1825, and there he built saw and grist mills and lived for over forty years, dying on the 5th of March, 1867, aged ninety-two years, and his wife Mary died December 24, 1865, aged eighty-eight years.

William Alexander, the youngest son of Captain James and Mary Donaldson, married Emily R. Church, a daughter of Isaac Church, who was born in Westchester, Connecticut, September 11, 1790. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sylvia M. Clark, was born December 21, 1795, and they were married on the 26th of February, 1818, and became the parents of the following children: George, Almira, Sylvia, Amanda S., Emily R., Matilda, Selina A., Harriet A. and Atchison. To William A. and Emily Donaldson were born: Sylvina, on the 14th of November, 1846; James W., on the 29th of December, 1847; Helen, February 15, 1850; Florence, September 18, 1853; Willis E., January 4, 1857; Ida M., October 27, 1860; and Milo A., June 2, 1864. Willis E. married Laura A. Crook in 1882, and one child was born to them, Blanche, in 1887. He married Elizabeth Hayes in 1888, and their two children are Levi E. and Lillian I., born respectively in 1889 and 1894. Milo A. married Mary L. Blackmer in 1887, and their two children are Milton C., born in 1891, and Mayetta E., in 1894. William Alexander Donaldson died August 19, 1898, and his wife Emily, born May 13, 1825, died May 7, 1904.

James W. Donaldson is a practical and experienced machinist, and his shop is located in Wattsburg, where he has been in business since 1889. He is more than ordinarily skillful in all branches of mechanics, whether in working at his lathe or making patterns. He has spent his entire life in Erie county, born in its township of Amity, but during the greater part of the time his home has been in Venango township. On the 25th of March, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Kate Kauffman, and their union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Ralph, in 1877; George A., in 1880; May, in 1881; Bert W., in 1883; Kitty, in 1886; Marshall R., in 1887; Edward (deceased), in 1889; Wallace, in 1890; Della, in 1891; Maria M., in 1893; Melvin, in 1896; and Frank, in 1899. Mrs. Donaldson was born in New York in 1858. James W. Donaldson is a Republican, has been honored by election to a seat in the borough council and to other offices. He is a charter member of North Erie Lodge, No. 1073, I. O. O. F., and in his community in Wattsburg he is held in the highest esteem.

Elfred Rowe Barney, M. D. Prominent among those who are engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Erie county is numbered Dr. E. R. Barney, of Wattsburg. Following a public school course and graduation from Waterford Academy he entered upon the study of his life's work in 1867, and subsequently pursuing a full and complete course in the medical department of the University of Michigan he graduated there with the class of 1872. His first practice was at Antrim in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and he continued with success there for four years. Moving then to Ithaca, New York, he was in practice there until the year 1886. Returning then to Erie, the county of his birth, Dr. Barney has since remained here, one of its oldest and most successful representatives of the medical profession. Since 1895 his home has been at Wattsburg, where he enjoys to the full the confidence of his numerous patrons as well as the public at large.

Dr. Barney traces his ancestry in this country to the heroes of the Revolution, his paternal great-grandfather, Joseph Barney, having performed good service for his country during those troublous times. The paternal family have been located in Erie county since 1833, when John Barney with his family moved from their native state of Vermont to Greene township and secured four hundred acres of land there. By his wife, Clarissa Manley, he had four children, N. C., Mrs. Jane Chapin, Franklin M. and Simeon. Franklin M. Barney was born in Vermont in 1821, and was twelve years of age at the time of the family's migration to Erie county. In time he secured seventy-five acres of land here and began to build for himself a home in the wilderness. He lived and labored here for many years, and finally passed to his reward in 1904. His wife had died in 1895. She was formerly Olivia Rowe, and was from New York. Their marriage union was blessed by the birth of a son and daughter, the latter being Mrs. E. M. Gross.

Dr. Elfred R. Barney, the son, was born at the family home in Greene township, December 21, 1850. He has been twice married, wedding first Mary Swift, to whom five children were born,—Anna, the wife of Dudley Yaple; one who died in infancy; John S., who died in the government service during the Spanish-American war; and William E. and Helen. The doctor married secondly Ethel Irvin. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical associations, and also of the Odd Fellows fraternity at Wattsburg, Lodge No. 118. During several years he has served in the office of school director.

William H. Cornell is a prominent business man in Wattsburg, the proprietor of one of its largest hardware stores. He also represents one of the old established families of Erie county, for his grandparents, Justin and Cornelia (Van Alstine) Cornell, established their home here as early as 1828. They were the parents of two children, Betsey and Martin V. Justin Cornell was born in Tompkins county, New York, and was related to the founder of Cornell University at Ithaca, that state.

Martin V. Cornell was born in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, and many years of his business life were spent as a dry goods merchant, in which he was more than ordinarily successful. He died in the year of 1907, his wife having preceded him to the home beyond by two years, dying in 1905. Her name before marriage was Mary A. Laughery, and she was born in Ohio. The children of Martin V. and Mary A. Cornell are: G. H., William H., L. H., Dr. M. C. and Dr. R. R.

William H. Cornell, the second born son, is a native of Edinboro, Washington township, Erie county, born on the 29th of July, 1857, and after the completion of his education there he engaged in teaching school. In his early life he also learned the tailor's trade and in time became a merchant tailor, following that occupation for eight years. Moving to the town of Wattsburg in 1887 he embarked in the grocery business and continued in that line until 1894 or until he purchased the hardware store of John Phelps and entered into partnership with the latter's son. This association continued through about twelve years, and since that time Mr. Cornell has been alone in the business. He carries a large and well selected line of farming implements and both light and heavy vehicles, and the successful conduct of this establishment has placed him among the leaders in industrial circles in this community. He is also serving his city as a justice of the peace, having held this office for three terms, and during several terms he has been a member of the school board.

Mr. Cornell married November 12, 1881, Miss Cora S., a daughter of John Phelps, and their only child was a son, John M. Cornell, who is now deceased, as is also the mother, her death occurring in 1889. In 1893 Mr. Cornell wedded Helen Myers, and she died two years later without issue, and in 1898 he married his present wife, formerly Miss Mary Montague. The two children of this union are, Owen M. and Elizabeth. Mr. Cornell has fraternal relations with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degree, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all of the offices in both orders save that of the Chapter in the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of the Presbyterian church as is also his wife.

Ernest L. Young. The business interests of Union City number among its earnest devotees Ernest L. Young, a representative of the Shreve Company since 1904. He came to this city as a resident on the 4th of April, 1899, and has ever since been engaged in the work of chair manufacturing, while since 1906 he has had charge of the packing of all the chairs manufactured by the Shreve Company. These are packed in numbers of twos, threes and sixes, depending on the size and patterns of the chairs, and in this work Mr. Young has under his direct care and supervision fifteen employes. He is numbered among the progressive young business men of the city and is prominently identified with its interests in many ways.

Born in Crawford county, near the Erie county line on the 13th of November, 1875, he was reared on a farm there and attended the district school near by. He is a son of W. H. and Laura Ann Young, farming people from Crawford county, and of their family of nine children six are now living, namely: George, an electric car conductor in Ohio; James, whose home is in Union City; Henry, a contractor with the Shreve Company of Union City; Frank, a liveryman here; and Ernest L. and Dolly Zibena, also of Union City. Ernest L. Young was united in marriage to Miss Alice, a daughter of C. R. and Louise Parsons, on the 25th of December, 1900, and their union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Merideth Orlean. The family reside in a beautiful home on West High street, Union City, where they enjoy to the fullest extent the pleasure of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Harry T. Dick. One of the many enterprising and energetic men that are contributing their share in multiplying and increasing the industrial interests of Erie county is Harry T. Dick, who is carrying on a substantial business as one of the leading liverymen of Union City. His finely equipped stables are up-to-date in every respect, especial care being paid to their sanitary condition. His horses are of the best, and give evidence of being well fed and cared for, while their sleek, silky coats reflect the grooming of skilful hands. He has vehicles of all kinds, and of the latest and most approved patterns and styles, catering at all times to the wants of his numerous customers. Mr. Dick was born, November 15, 1872, in Union township, Erie county, a son of Henry Dick, and grandson of James M. Dick, an early settler of this part of the state.

A native of Madison county, New York, James M. Dick lived there until after his marriage with Maria Golden. Migrating with his family to Erie county in 1831, he settled first in Waterford, later removing to Le Boeuf township. In 1855 he located in Union township, and here followed farming with success until his death, October 31, 1859. His widow survived him, living to the age of four score and more years. They had a family of ten children, as follows: David, Levi, Henry, Mary A., Lorenzo, Ira, Caroline, Robert, Eunice, and Sarah.

Henry Dick was born, September 9, 1836, in Le Boeuf township, Erie county, but spent a large part of his earlier life in Waterford township. After leaving school he remained at home, assisting his father during the seasons of sowing and harvesting, until twenty years old. Beginning then life for himself, he bought, in 1857, a farm in Union township, and in the care of his land met with good success. In 1862 he bought the old Kimball homestead, on which he has since resided, and by diligent and well-directed effort, combined with practical judgment and wise management, has now one of the best kept farms in the vicinity.

In March, 1862, he married Marietta Kimball, a native of Sugar Grove, Chautauqua county, born in 1831, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Jennie R., wife of M. W. Fairchild; and Harry T., of this brief personal narrative. Prior to his marriage, however, Henry Dick enlisted, in May, 1861, in Company H, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, and fought valiantly in defense of his country's honor until the expiration of his term of enlistment, and he is now a member of McLean Post, No. 102, G. A. R.

Growing to manhood on the home farm, Harry T. Dick attended the schools of his neighborhood, and during his earlier life confined his attention to agricultural pursuits. Desiring a change of occupation, he came, in 1898, to Union City, and was here for seven consecutive years engaged in the plumbing and hardware business. Retiring in 1905 from commercial pursuits, he embarked in the livery business, and by reason of his energy, progressive spirit, courtesy, and willingness to oblige, has built up a remunerative patronage.

Mr. Dick married, in 1897, Katherine B., daughter of E. S. and Rachel Crooker. Their only child, Audrey L., was born September 23, 1908. Mr. Dick takes an intelligent interest in local and national affairs, and while living in the township served as tax collector. Fraternally he belongs to Clement Lodge, No. 220, I. O. O. F., of which he is past noble grand, and to the Sons of Veterans.

Thomas Doyle is well known in the business circles of this community as the proprietor of the Union City Steam Marble Company, manufacturers of the best New England stone quarried in Quincy, Mas-

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sachusetts, and in Berry, Vermont. The business was organized in 1883 by John McIntyre, and was conducted by him for twenty-four years, the plant then being purchased by Mr. Doyle in 1908. It covers a ground space of forty by two hundred feet, and the polishing of the marble is beautifully executed by steam power, and artistically designed, in consequence of which the patronage is large and appreciative.

Mr. Doyle was born in Columbus, Ohio, in April, 1875, a son of John and Mary (Sweeney) Doyle, natives respectively of Ireland and Ohio. Thomas Doyle learned and followed his trade in his native city of Columbus until coming to Union City, Pennsylvania, in 1906, two years before taking over the McIntyre marble business. He married in 1896 Miss Pearl Ford, and their two children are Leona and Regene. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Roman Catholic church.

George Perry Griffith. In a history of western Pennsylvania it is imperative that mention be made of George Perry Griffith, for through a long period he was closely associated with professional interests of Erie as a member of the bar and with many public movements that were factors in municipal progress and development. A native of Chautauqua county, New York, he was born at Mayville, October 29, 1837, a son of Stephen and Susan (Perry) Griffith. The father was born in Pomfret, near Fredonia, Chautauqua county, New York, in 1812, and was of Welsh descent, while the mother's birth occurred in the same place January 25, 1814. Both were pioneer residents of that part of New York, their parents having removed from New England to the Empire state, blazing their way through forests. Mrs. Griffith was a representative of the old Perry family to which Commodore Perry belonged. When a young lady she was one of twenty-four chosen to represent the twenty-four states of the Union in a celebration of welcome extended to Marquis Lafayette when he visited the United States as the nation's guest fifty years after he came to America to aid the colonies in their struggle for independence. The marriage of Stephen Griffith and Susan Perry was celebrated in 1835 and in 1846 they removed to North East, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where they spent their remaining days, honored and loved by all who knew them for their sterling traits of character. Mr. Griffith was there engaged in the manufacture of hats for a number of years and aside from his business interests was associated with various affairs of public moment, serving from 1860 until 1865 as justice of the peace. He was also a prominent and influential member of the Methodist church and acted as superintendent of its Sunday-school. He passed away in North East in 1883 while his wife died there on the 26th of August, 1895. Their children were George P., John W. and Josephine S. and Benjamin P.

George Perry Griffith was educated in the Fredonia (N. Y.) Academy, where he pursued his studies to the age of fourteen years when he began learning the printing trade with Williard McKinstry, one of the old and prominent newspaper editors of Fredonia. When he had completed his term of apprenticeship he worked with Mr. McKinstry for a time and then went west to Freeport, Illinois, taking up newspaper work in that city. While there he reported the famous debate between Lincoln and Douglas which was held at that place.

Coming to Erie Mr. Griffith was connected with the old *Observer* for a time but later withdrew from journalism to engage in the oil

business at Titusville, Pennsylvania. Returning to Erie in 1861 he took up the study of law and after a thorough preliminary course of reading was admitted to the bar in 1864. For almost a third of a century thereafter he continued in active practice and his ability and learning carried him into important professional relations. He was associated with many of the leading cases tried in the courts of the district and, possessing strong intellect, indomitable courage and energy, his force of character and natural qualifications enabled him to overcome all obstacles and write his name upon the keystone of the legal arch. When he put aside professional interests in 1896 he became associated with the Barber Asphalt Company as counsel and continued in a similar capacity with the General Asphalt Company when that combination was formed. In pursuit of his duties as such he traveled extensively throughout the United States, the South American republics and Mexico. He was holding that position at the time of his demise, which occurred in the Homeopathic Hospital at Boston, Massachusetts, May 19, 1901. While in general practice of law in Erie he occupied a prominent position at the bar of western Pennsylvania and for years was attorney for the school board, while at one time he served as secretary of the board. He also manifested his deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the city through the active service which he rendered in other connections. For a term he was clerk of the city council and was also a leading member of the board of trade.

On the 6th of October, 1864, Mr. Griffith was married to Miss Ella C. Richards, the only daughter of the late Captain Thomas Richards of Erie. Their son, Thomas Richards Griffith, born in Erie in 1865, prepared for college in this city and later accepted a position with the Barber Asphalt Company with which he remained for several years. He next read medicine and graduated from the Boston School of Homeopathy, practicing at Cambridge, Massachusetts, with success until failing health compelled him to seek a change of climate in California. He is now practicing in Riverside, that state. He married Miss Florence Pier of Cambridge and they have a son and daughter, Thomas Richards and Eveline. By a former marriage one child was born, George Perry, III. George P. Griffith, the younger son and his father's namesake, was educated in Erie and at the age of eighteen years entered the employ of the Barber Asphalt Company, with which he continued for several years as superintendent. He then took up an independent contracting business in Tacoma, Washington, and afterward became a member of the large contracting firm of Fairchild, Gilmore & Wilton Company of Los Angeles, California. He wedded Mary J. Matthews of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons. Richard Matthews and George Perry, IV.

The father of Mrs. Griffith was the late Captain Thomas Richards, a well-known and prominent citizen of Erie, who for some time was a captain on the lakes. He was born in this city, a son of the late John and Anna (Hinton) Richards, natives of Wales. At an early age John Richards left his home in the little rock-ribbed country of Wales and went to sea. After sailing for a number of years he located in New York City and learned the trade of ship building. At the beginning of the war of 1812 he was sent to Erie with others by a ship-building firm in New York to construct war vessels which afterward constituted Perry's fleet. Pleased with Erie he continued to make his home in this city, at various times sailing the lakes, while eventually he concentrated his energies permanently upon ship building and for many years was

in charge of the construction of all the noted Reed line steamers plying the lakes. The Hinton family from which Mrs. Griffith is descended, were among the early settlers of Erie. John Richards died in 1845 while his wife, Mrs. Anna (Hinton) Richards passed away in 1874.

Captain Thomas Richards, the father of Mrs. Griffith, early became employed in the ship yards with his father while later he began sailing on the lakes and in time become one of the prominent captains and the right hand man of General Charles M. Reed. He sailed many of the leading vessels of the Reed line and became known at every important lakeport as one of the leading lake captains of the time. During the winter of 1848-49 he superintended the building of the fine steamer "Keystone State" at Buffalo, New York, and upon its completion took command of that vessel. While on her maiden trip and in port at Chicago Captain Richards was forced to leave the vessel on account of illness and his death occurred in that city from typhoid fever July 13, 1849. In January, 1840, he had married Maria Louise Clarke, the daughter of Captain George and Mary (McDonald) Clark. Her father was commander of a vessel on the high seas. Mrs. Richards was born in Waterville, Maine, January 18, 1817, and spent much of her girlhood in the city of Bath, that state. Her brother, John Clarke, was a pioneer of Upper Michigan and it was while visiting him in the west that she met Captain Richards to whom she afterward gave her hand in marriage. Her death occurred in Erie March 16, 1896. She had long survived her husband and devoted her life to her two children, Mrs. George P. Griffith and William L. Richards. Macaulay has said that the history of a country is best told in the lives of its people and therefore the life record of George Perry Griffith constituted an important chapter in the annals of Erie. While his life work was that of an extremely able and successful lawyer, he at no time neglected his duties to the public but was interested in all progressive measures for the city and state and on many occasions was an active factor in their advancement.

Harvey Brakeman, a successful architect of Union City, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1871, and is the son of B. C. and Amanda J. Brakeman. He was educated in his native county, and having a natural taste for architecture, decided later to take a course of study in this branch, and accordingly entered upon a course with the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, which well fitted him for the position he now occupies. In 1894 he began the practice of his chosen profession, and has since been successfully engaged in the same, each year adding to his stock of knowledge and experience, and by his close attention to details, and thorough mastery of the subject, has become well known. He has commissions throughout his own state, as well as frequently receiving a call for his skill from nearby states, thus enjoying a constantly enlarging patronage. He spent the first three years in Union City, where he opened his first office, and in 1897 removed to Pittsburg, where he spent nine years. In 1906 he returned to Union City, where he has since occupied an office.

Mr. Brakeman has a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and is a public-spirited and useful citizen. He is a member of the Baptist church, and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and their Encampment.

He married, July 9, 1885, Bertha A., daughter of John B. and Lola E. Young, and they have been blessed with two children, namely: Rena Grace and Helen Baneta.

Jay L. Hamilton is a worthy young business man of Union City, a dealer in books, stationery, papers, periodicals, confectionery, etc., on North Main street. He has been identified with the interests of this city since the year of 1893, when he came here to engage in the manufacture of chairs, and from that time to the present he has been associated with a commercial life. He continued his work as a chair maker in this city for about four years. He has been identified with his present line of work since 1908.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Belmont, Allegany county, New York, and the educational training which he begun there was completed at Ripley, of the same state. He is a son of LeRoy and Isabella Hamilton, to whom four children were born,—Jay L., Jessie B., Mrs. T. L. Manley and S. T. Mr. Hamilton, the father, died in the year of 1878, but his widow is still living and resides in Union City. From his maternal grandfather, George Mickle, a veteran of the Civil war, Jay L. Hamilton inherits his patriotic spirit, and when the Spanish-American war was inaugurated he quickly enrolled his name as a member of Company A, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, on the 7th of May, 1897, and served until the 28th of December, 1898, when he received an honorable discharge. In 1909 he was happily married to Miss Bertha E., a daughter of William Pullan.

Dr. Harvey H. Bates, one of the foremost and most successful dentists of Union City, was born in Indiana, August 18, 1867, and is the son of Dr. J. H. Bates, a medical practitioner of Chicago, and a graduate of Long Island Hospital, in the class of 1870. Dr. Harvey H. Bates received his early education in the public schools of Indiana, later removing to Chicago, Illinois, where he entered the office of Dr. A. C. Wallace, while yet in his teens. A. C. Wallace, D. D. S., was a skilled member of the profession, and the time Dr. Bates spent in his office and under his supervision was of great value to him. He later entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which institution he graduated, March 29, 1889. He first opened an office in Chicago, which he occupied until 1905, at which time he removed to Union City. Dr. Bates occupies a handsome suite of rooms, fitted with modern appliances, and has acquired a large and lucrative practice in his profession.

Dr. Bates has been twice married, first, November 21, 1887, to Anna H. Lomax, by whom he had one son, Chester H., a young man of considerable promise, now studying law. Dr. Bates married, second, Mrs. M. Hitchcock Butler July 29, 1901, and they have no children. He is a member of the Baptist church, and an earnest and valuable worker in the Sunday school.

M. F. Jones, an enterprising and public spirited citizen of Union City, one of the two joint owners of the Union Iron Works, was born in Prospect, Oneida county, New York, April 21, 1858, and is the son of Martin and Mary A. (Fanning) Jones. Martin Jones was a native of Oneida county, New York, and died in Union City, in 1891; for eighteen years he conducted a grocery business in Union City. His wife, a native of Herkimer county, New York, is now living. Their only child was M. F. Jones.

After receiving his education in the public schools of his native town and Union City, M. F. Jones learned the trade of mechanic in the old Union City Iron Works, where he became an expert in his line, and followed this work for thirty-five years in Union City. His present partner, Thomas Gardner, is also an expert mechanic, and their shop, covering an area of thirty-two by seventy-two feet, is equipped with modern machinery. They do a line of repairing, but make a specialty of the manufacture of the Westcott-Brown lathe. They have met with pleasing success in their enterprise, and their dealings with their business patrons are satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Jones married Ida, daughter of E. Donaldson, and their only child was Carrie, now the wife of Mr. Marsh. Mr. Jones is considered one of the reliable and representative citizens of Union City, and takes an interest in its public affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Maccabees, and the Coleman Hose Company.

Thompson J. Lininger. Throughout his active business life Thompson J. Lininger has been actively identified with the agricultural interests of Summit township, and he was born within its borders on the 17th of March, 1849, a son of John P. and Katherine Lininger, the father born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Wittenberg, Germany, but she came with her mother to Erie in the year of 1829. On the paternal side he is a grandson of John Lininger, who came to Erie from Lancaster county. John P. Lininger, the father, first worked at farming for others, but later on he bought a farm in Mill Creek township, and from there after a short time he came to Summit township and bought a heavily timbered tract. This section of the state was then in its virgin wildness, but in time he cleared his land of timber, placed his fields under an excellent state of cultivation, and lived on his farm there until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Lininger had a family of five sons and seven daughters: Eliza, Matilda Veit, Joshua (deceased), Clark, Isaac, Maranda (deceased), Washington, Frances, Thompson, Susan, Carrie, and one who died in infancy. Two of the sons, Clark and Washington, enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in many of the hard-fought battles of the Civil war. Washington was killed at the battle of Gettysburg on the 4th of July, 1863, and Clark was taken a prisoner at the same engagement.

Thompson J. Lininger was reared in his native township of Summit, and he has been a farmer thus far on his life's journey, his present estate consisting of one hundred and seventy-five acres of rich and fertile land, and it also contains a valuable stone quarry. He married in 1875 Miss Anna Cummins, a daughter of James and Susan (Stoddard) Cummins, who came to this country from Ireland and in an early day located in Erie. From there they afterward came to Summit township. Mr. and Mrs. Lininger have had the following children: John Herbert, Lloyd, Mary (deceased), Cora, Scott, Harry (deceased), Robert (deceased), Susan, Thomas E. and Oscar F. Mr. Lininger is a Democrat and was road commissioner for years. Mrs. Lininger is a member of the St. Mathew's Catholic church. Mr. Lininger belongs to the Protective Association.

E. A. Williams. One of Wayne's prosperous agriculturists and dairymen, E. A. Williams, was given birth in Amity township, this

county, August 4, 1871, and is a son of Thomas and Harriet E. (Rathburn) Williams, the first named of whom was a native of Albany, New York, while the mother was born in Amity township. Of their seven children, only E. A. Williams survives. The father expired February 2, 1889, and his wife on May 18, 1898.

Mr. Williams, of this sketch, was reared in his native township, where he attended the common schools and worked on the parental farm in his youth, supplementing his elementary schooling with a course at Wattsburg academy, upon the completion of which he followed carpentry for about six years. Later, he engaged in farming, purchasing the place on which he now resides (formerly known as the "C. W. Parker Farm") in the year 1899; and the thrifty and attractive appearance of both farm and homestead speaks the energy and enterprise of the owner. It is largely devoted to dairying, Mr. Williams having an excellent heard of fifteen milch cows, among which are several Jersey thoroughbreds, to which breed he hopes to eventually confine his stock. He is also the possessor of an apple orchard of some four hundred trees and a grove of about five hundred sugar maples, both of which contribute to his handsome competency. Mr. Williams' substantial and honorable standing has been reached as an industrious, determined and intelligent man, who has relied only upon himself, confident from the first that constant and persevering labor, guided by straightforward and manly principles, would eventually earn him independence and honor. Besides, nature had endowed him with superb health and strength, both of body and mind, and he has been able to carry his labors with undiminished vigor and zeal.

In the year 1895 Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Sweatland, who has become the mother of four children, two of whom are now living: Ruth M., born May 19, 1898, and Nelson C., born September 13, 1902. Mr. Williams is a prohibitionist and firmly believes in the doctrine of temperance. He and his wife and children are members of the United Brethren church, and Mrs. Williams is a member of the Ladies' Aid. The Sunday School of this church is the most progressive and largest in the county. Mrs. Williams has been a teacher and her husband treasurer of the Sunday School. They are both members of the Wattsburg Grange.

J. George Krug is well known in the business circles of Erie as a shoe merchant, and he has been identified with this line of business throughout nearly his entire industrial career. As a boy of twelve he began work in a printing office in Erie, but a short time afterward, in the year of 1868, he became connected with the shoe merchant J. A. Eichenlaub and remained with him in the capacity of a clerk for ten years. In 1878 he became the proprietor of a shoe store at 1015 Parade street, and in 1883 erected the brick building in which he is now located, at No. 912 of the same street.

Mr. Krug was born in Peskeag, Passaic county, New Jersey, August 18, 1855, but his parents, George and Marie L. (Uhlein) Krug, were from Baden, Germany. They were married in their native land, and coming to the United States in 1853 they located first at Peskeag, New Jersey, where the husband had charge of a farm for several years. In 1860 the family moved to Emporium, Pennsylvania, then known as Shippen, where he began work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company

in the construction of the Sunberg & Erie line, now known as the Philadelphia & Erie, and from there they came to Erie in the spring of 1864 and located first on East Twelfth street. There the husband and father died on the 12th of August, 1864, at the age of forty-five years, and three months previous, May 12th, occurred the death of his oldest son, Frank Joseph, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness while serving with Company G, Fifty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil war. Mr. Krug was twice married, and by his first union he had three children, Frank Joseph, Catherine and Anthony J., all living but Frank Joseph. His second marriage was in 1853 and resulted in the birth of seven children: J. George; Barbara, now widowed, living in the West; Mary, a widow living in Erie; Charles J., of this city; William, whose home is in New York City; Matthew A., also of Erie; and Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas L. Austin. Mrs. Krug died in 1899, at the age of seventy years. Both were members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Erie.

J. George Krug married Eleonora Brinig, who was born in Buffalo, New York. Her father, Theobald Brinig, a merchant tailor, moved from Buffalo to Erie in 1868, and he is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Krug have the following children: Eleonora A., Edward G., Edna Louise and Lorena Marea. The family are members of St. Mary's church, and Mr. Krug is also associated with the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Erie, and is an independent Democrat in politics.

Hugh Compton Lord was born January 23, 1867, at Mantorville, Minnesota, being the son of Samuel and Louisa M. (Compton) Lord. His father, Samuel Lord, was a native of Meadville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, emigrating while a young man to Minnesota. He served as a member of both Houses of Legislature and at the time of his death in 1880 was serving a second term as president judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Minnesota. Louisa Compton Lord was born at Ypsilanti, Michigan, but spent the greater part of her girlhood in Erie county, Pennsylvania. She died in 1879.

Hugh C. Lord's paternal and maternal ancestors were early New England settlers. The emigrant ancestor of the Lord family was one of the founders of Hartford, Connecticut, the descendants forming the branch to which Hugh C. Lord belongs moving to Lyme, Connecticut, and from Lyme to Meadville, Pennsylvania.

After the death of his father Hugh came east and after short residences at Edinboro, Pennsylvania, Dunkirk, New York, and Meadville, Pennsylvania, came to Erie in 1884, and entered the Erie high school. He was graduated in 1887, and afterward took a post-graduate course in the same institution. He read law under the preceptorship of Judge E. A. Walling. While a student he was appointed deputy U. S. marshal and also taught in the public night school of the city of Erie. He was admitted to the bar in 1890. In 1892 he associated himself with the late John K. Hallock, making a specialty of patent law and trade marks, and since that time has confined himself to this practice. He served one term (1902-1906) as member of the Select Council, presiding over that body the last two years of the term.

He married June 7, 1893, Rena, daughter of the late Richard M. and Cecelia (Partridge) Slocum. Five children have been born to them, two of whom are living.

Joseph A. Hamilton. A man of versatile talents, intelligent, capable, and far-sighted, Joseph A. Hamilton holds a foremost position among the respected and valued citizens of Wattsburg, Erie county, where, in addition to carrying on an extensive printing business, he has a general repair shop, in which he successfully treats clocks, watches, and, in fact, any thing made of iron, brass, tin, silver or gold, that needs repairing. A Pennsylvanian by birth and breeding, he was born, in 1878, in Saxton, Bedford county, a son of W. G. Hamilton.

W. G. Hamilton removed from Johnstown to Erie county in 1884, and is now a resident of the city of Erie. A practical machinist, expert in the use of tools, he was for forty years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, from which he now draws a pension, being on the retired list. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Annie Reed, six children were born, namely: Frank; Lillie, wife of W. W. Bole; Maud, wife of W. Klemm; Frances, Carrie, and Joseph A.

After completing his studies in the common schools of Erie county, Joseph A. Hamilton served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, and for a while thereafter was employed on the Erie *Daily Times*. Locating in Wattsburg in 1899, Mr. Hamilton worked first on the Wattsburg *Sentinel*, then edited by Maurice Duncombe. Becoming familiar with the printer's art, he then opened a printing establishment of his own, and to this has added, as above mentioned, a general repair shop, in these lines of industry being kept busily employed. His ambition and energy being apparently unlimited, however, Mr. Hamilton looks after the local telephone lines, keeping them in repair, and furnishes acetylene gas to several business houses of Wattsburg. In his business career, Mr. Hamilton has been especially prosperous, now owning his own building, a two-story structure, with a basement, and a hall twenty-seven feet by sixty feet.

Mr. Hamilton married, May 16, 1906, Lizzie J. Parker, daughter of Cephas and Julia Parker. Fraternally Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is actively interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of town and county, and now, in 1909, is serving as president of the borough council.

Rufus W. Swift. Numbered among the industrious, progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Erie county is Rufus W. Swift, whose energy, ability and business tact have gained him success in the industrial world, placing him in an assured position among the leading farmers of Edinboro. A son of George W. Swift, he was born in Summit township, Erie county, July 11, 1865. His grandparents, Julius and Laura (Shove) Swift, were comparatively early settlers of Summit township, moving there from New York state in 1844. He was a farmer, and died on the homestead that he cleared and improved in May, 1875. Julius Swift was three times married, and was father of eleven boys and of an equal number of girls.

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George W. Swift was born May 10, 1835, in Otsego county, New York, and began life for himself as a farmer in Summit township. He married, May 8, 1861, Lucinda A. Graham, who was born in Summit township, a daughter of Capt. John C. and Sarah A. (Cook) Graham. Her grandparents on the paternal side, Hugh and Margaret Graham, migrated from Center county, to Erie county, locating six miles south of Erie, on a tract of wild land containing one hundred acres. There her grandfather cleared and improved a homestead, and in addition to tilling the soil was for many years keeper of the toll gate. Capt. John C. Graham was but a small child when he was brought in his mother's arms, on horseback, to this county. As a young man, he engaged in farming on his own account, buying land near the parental homestead, and there spending the greater part of his life. He was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Rufus W. Swift completed his early education in the Edinboro Normal School, after which he turned his attention to the occupation of his ancestors, residing on the home farm for three years. Purchasing then one hundred and three acres of the original Swift homestead, he has since met with most gratifying results as a general farmer, making a specialty of dairying, in which he finds both pleasure and profit.

Mr. Swift married, March 13, 1888, Alice T. Weaver, a daughter of Samuel Weaver, and a grand-daughter of David and Mary (Zimmerman) Weaver, who spent their declining years in Armstrong county, removing there from Adams county. Samuel Weaver married Elizabeth King, who was born in Southern Pennsylvania, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Murphy) King. Samuel King served as a soldier in the Revolution, for awhile being stationed at Ft. LeBoeuf, Erie county. At the close of the war he returned to Armstrong county, and was there a resident until his death.

Three children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus W. Swift, namely: Miriam, born October 26, 1889; Hazel F., born October 29, 1891; and Anna Marie, born January 12, 1899. Fraternally Mr. Swift is a member of the Protective Legion, and of the Knights of the Maccabees at Edinboro. Both he and his wife are prominent in the Grange, in which they have taken the sixth degree. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Swift are Presbyterians.

BERNON F. BLORE. An industrious and enterprising farmer of Venango township, Bernon F. Blore has started out in life with fair prospects for a prosperous future, his energy, ability and fine business tact bidding fair to place him ere long among the prominent and successful husbandmen of this part of Erie county. He is a native and to the manner born, his birth having occurred in this township, September 12, 1871. He is a son of the late Martin V. Blore, and grandson of William Blore, a pioneer settler of this county.

William Blore was born, September 30, 1800, in England, and as a young man emigrated to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania in the early part of the nineteenth century. He became one of the leading citizens of Wattsburg, Erie county, where he served for many years as justice of the peace, receiving his first commission as such in 1840. He married, October 13, 1828, Martha Chapin, whose birth occurred September 2, 1800, and they reared four children, namely: Matthew R. and Martin V., twins; Albert M.; and Mary A., who died in 1893. He died

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in 1873, and his widow, who survived him many years, passed away February 4, 1891.

Martin V. Blore was born December 30, 1833, in Wattsburg, Erie county, and died July 6, 1900, in Venango township. He was a farmer by occupation, owning two hundred and sixty-six acres of rich and fertile land, in the management of which he took great pleasure. He was a man of intelligence and sound judgment, respected for his integrity and ability, and his counsel and advice were often sought by his fellow-men. He was prominent in local affairs, filling several township offices most satisfactorily. He married Sarah J. Smiley, a native of Chautauqua county, New York. She died January 28, 1875, leaving three children, namely: Albert M., William A., and Bernon F.

Brought up and educated in Venango township, Bernon F. Blore was well trained as a boy in agricultural pursuits, and naturally succeeded to the occupation followed for so many years by his more immediate ancestors. In 1904 he purchased his present farming estate, which contains two hundred acres of land admirably adapted to dairying, the purpose to which he devotes it, keeping a fine herd of Durham grade cows. On Mr. Blore's farm is the spring from which the early pioneers drank when they came from miles around to worship in the old Middlebrook church, which was erected in 1802, it being the first Presbyterian church organized in Erie county. This farm was formerly owned by J. Yost, and the barn which he built on the place eighty years ago is still standing.

On April 27, 1898, Mr. Blore married Anna E., daughter of Patrick and Anna (O'Neil) Keefe, who emigrated from Ireland to this country fifty years ago, and located in Erie county, where their daughter Anna was born, her birth occurring October 24, 1870, in Greenfield township. Mr. Keefe died October 6, 1883, aged fifty-eight years, and his wife died June 27, 1896, aged sixty-three years, leaving seven children, as follows: John, William, Mary, Hannah, George, Anna E., and Matthew, all of whom reside in Erie county. Mr. and Mrs. Blore are the parents of two children, namely: Leo B., born April 21, 1901; and J. Gerald, born August 3, 1903. Mrs. Blore was a student in Edinboro Normal and she taught in Greene, Greenfield and Venango townships, for eleven years and was a successful teacher. She is a member of St. Boniface's Catholic Church of Greene township. Mr. Blore is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Grange at Wattsburg, Pa. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Blore is known as "The Middlebrook Stock Farm."

Joseph W. Loomis, deceased, was a member of one of the first families to establish their home in Erie county, and from those early days to the present they have been prominent representatives of its business and public life. Dyer Loomis Sr., his grandfather, was born in Connecticut, but came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1796, to join his brother Henry, who had come here years previously, and they together secured four hundred acres from the Population Company just east of the borough of North East. Dyer Loomis was prominent in the early history of his community and held many of its offices. He was the first deputy sheriff of the county, and his death occurred in the year of 1842. He married a Miss Nancy Woods, from Rhode Island.

Among their children was Dyer Loomis Jr., who was born on October 1, 1810, and died on the 3d of December, 1901. He received

his education in the Worthington and Milan, Ohio, Academies, and was one of the first school teachers of this county. He married Eliza M. Robinson. In their family was Joseph W. Loomis, born in North East, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1844. In 1862, during the Civil war, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and was finally discharged for disability November 29, 1862. Returning to North East he was identified with the business interests of this community as a farmer and as the proprietor of a brick yard. During a term of six years he served as a prothonotary, and was also a deputy in that office, his death occurring very suddenly at the court house in Erie on the 20th of January, 1896.

He had married on the 15th of April, 1872, L. Almeda Wells, from Erie county, New York, born July 20, 1846, a daughter of Daniel J. and Lydia L. (Whitney) Wells, also from New York. They came from Greenfield township to Erie county in 1852, where Mr. Wells was a blacksmith, and from there they moved to Harbor Creek, thence to Wesleyville and finally to North East. He died here in 1886, his wife having passed away in 1882. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Loomis was without issue, and she now resides in the town of North East. Mrs. Loomis was educated in the common schools. Her pretty home is on Robinson street, North East, Pennsylvania, and its hospitable portals are ever ready to welcome her friends.

Carl F. Buchholz, who is engaged in the raising of grapes and in general farming in North East township, Erie county, is a native of the township named and was born July 28, 1875. He is a son of Ernest and Lezetta Buchholz, who were both natives of Mechlenburg, Germany, and emigrated to Erie county about 1872. Industrious and hard working, they were employed by Mr. Phillips for about one year and by means of other employment collected a small capital so that they were enabled, in 1880, to buy fifty acres of farming land in the northern part of North East township. Although their accumulations came slowly they were sure and eight years thereafter this faithful and hard-working couple added twenty-five acres to the original fifty and the entire amount now constitutes the homestead upon which the elder Mr. Buchholz still resides. There were three children in his family, of whom his daughter Anna still resides at home, while Henry John and Carl F., of this sketch, are independent farmers of this township.

Mr. Buchholz was educated in the German Lutheran and public schools of North East township and remained at home until his marriage June 10, 1902, to Miss Jessie S. Stone, a native of Erie county. Their three children are Dorothea, Carl and Thelma. After his marriage he purchased fifty acres of farming land near the home farm, of which he has cultivated twenty-eight acres to several fine varieties of grapes and other fruit. In 1904 he also had the good fortune to drill a productive gas well, the profits from which, added to his other resources, have brought him a comfortable competency. Among the various evidences of his prosperous condition is a fine modern residence of twelve rooms, which he erected in the summer of 1907. He

is a true Republican and voted for Blaine. He is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife is a Presbyterian.

James Barry, a well-to-do farmer of North East township, Erie county, is a son of the Buckeye state, born March 15, 1854. He comes of an old Irish family and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Murry) Barry, his mother being a native of Waterford, Ireland. Their marriage occurred in Montreal, Canada, where the father commenced business life as a railroad builder. Later he removed to the state of Ohio, where he lived until 1857, subsequently making his home at Dunkirk, New York, and near Ripley, the same state. At all of these localities he was engaged in railroad work, but in 1863 located on a ten-acre farm lying on the lake shore in North East township. Here he passed his last years in comfort, dying October 17, 1872. His wife followed him on February 4, 1906.

James Barry received his education in the district and Catholic schools of his home neighborhood and was early initiated into agricultural work. At the age of ten years he secured employment by the month on various farms in the vicinity, being thus employed during the summer seasons, and attending school in the winter. He has never married and he and his two sisters, Mary and Anna, now reside on the place which his father bought a few years before his death. Mr. Barry is engaged in general farming, although he has allotted two acres to the raising of grapes. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought public advancement. Mr. Barry and his two sisters are members of St. Gregory's parish at North East, of which Rev. Fr. D. Hanley is the pastor.

James Beebe Stull, who has been identified with the business interests of Erie county during a long number of years, was born in Painesville, Ohio, December 13, 1859, a son of James W. and Loreny (Beebe) Stull. James W. Stull served as a United States marshal in Nebraska, and died there while on duty at about the time of the birth of his son James. His widow, who was born in Silver Creek, New York, then came to North East, and married in 1862 C. D. Jameson, an undertaker for many years in this city. She died February 12, 1889.

James B. Stull attended in his early life Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and after leaving college spent three years in a law office at Warren, Ohio, but failing health then compelled him to give up the legal profession, and in 1889 he became an equal partner in the business of his step-father. Mr. Jameson had established his undertaking business here in 1848, and this has become the oldest establishment of its kind in the city of North East. In addition to this business Mr. Stull is extensively engaged in grape culture, annually harvesting sixty-five acres of that commodity, and he is constantly enlarging the business. He owns one hundred acres of land on the Lake road, also twenty-two acres in another tract, and he rents sixty-five acres of his land. He is one of the directors and the vice president of the North East Heat and Light Company, and a director and the treasurer of the North East Gas Company. He is a past master in Masonic Lodge No. 399, and during four years he served his city of North East as a Republican councilman.

Bester Dwight Towne. During many years of his life Bester Dwight Towne was numbered among the business men of Erie county, revered and honored wherever known, and he was also a member of one of the county's honored pioneer families. He was born in the borough of North East on the 23d of September, 1855, a son of Bester C. and Juliett (Burdick) Towne, also from Erie county. They were farming people here for many years, but later in life moved to North East and he served as a justice of the peace of the borough for many years.

Bester Dwight, the third born of their four sons, began his business career in a drug store in North East, and he followed that business for several years. During his life time he was a great traveler, making a trip around the world, and also sojourning in Australia, and he thus acquired a vast knowledge which travel alone can bring. He owned a farm of one hundred and eight acres at Grahamville in Erie county, and his time was principally engaged in its cultivation. He married on the 16th of March, 1899, Jennie Slade, born in Waterford, Erie county, April 17, 1865, a daughter of Alphonso I. and Esther (McKay) Slade, natives respectively of Herkimer county and of Sherman, Chautauqua county, New York. She is a granddaughter of John and Clarissa (Griffin) Slade, from Connecticut. They were born respectively August 26, 1799, and July 1, 1800, and they were married on the 23d of February, 1823, in Connecticut. Mrs. Towne is also a granddaughter of Alexander and Esther (Bowen) McKay, the former from Ireland and the latter from Vermont. She is a great-granddaughter of Obediah and Sarah Slade, the former a son of Peleg Slade, from Swanzey, New Hampshire. Bester Dwight Towne died on the 20th of July, 1899, after a long and faithful membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow now resides with her mother in the borough of North East.

Andrew J. Dawley, a representative of the business interests of North East as a livery man, was born in Vermont, December 18, 1870, a son of O. E. and Mary R. (Wilcox) Dawley. They came to the township of North East with their son Andrew, who was but a babe of six months, and they were farming people here for many years. Finally in 1886 O. E. Dawley bought out the livery business of Albert Short in North East, and from that time until his death, March 4, 1906, was the leading liveryman of the town. From 1886 until the year previous to his death he also served in the office of constable. His wife still survives him, and is living with a daughter in North East.

Andrew J. Dawley, the eldest of their four sons and three daughters, was eighteen years of age when he began work as a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, his run being from Olean to Rochester, and he continued in that capacity for three years and eight months, when he was made an engineer on the run between Olean and Emporium. In the year of 1900 he gave up railroading and going to Erie, Pennsylvania, embarked in the livery business on Seventh street, between State and French streets, but selling his interests there in 1904 he bought the F. M. Cook barn at the corner of Eighteenth and Parade streets in Erie, but again selling, in November of 1906, he came to North East and took charge of his father's business, and he is the proprietor of a well equipped barn of twelve horses, and also conducts a draying and heavy teaming department.

He married on the 1st of April, 1891, Susan L. Perry, born in Ripley, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Washington Perry. Their children are Flossie, Flora, Perry and Margery. Mr. and Mrs. Dawley attend the services of the Methodist church, and in politics he is an independent voter. He is a member of "The Loyal Order of Moose," Lodge No. 66, at Erie.

Robert Dill, a well known horticulturist of Erie county, Pennsylvania, is engaged there in general farming, but principally in the raising of fruit. He is a Canadian, a native of Toronto, born July 8, 1841, son of Alexander and Jane (McCormick) Dill, both natives of the north of Ireland, who came to Toronto in 1830 and were married in that city. The father became a prosperous tanner there and continued in that business until his death in 1852, his wife dying in 1873.

Robert Dill, of this sketch, is the sixth in a family of three boys and seven girls and at the age of nineteen, having obtained a public school education in his native city, he commenced the trade of a painter and decorator. Having mastered it he went to New York City and was thus employed in that city until 1871 when he removed to Buffalo. After one year at the latter place he located at Erie, his first important employment being in connection with the decoration of the mansion owned by Gen. C. M. Reed. Subsequently he established himself as a contractor with an office at 708 State street and continued in that line until 1889 when he disposed of his business and purchased one hundred and forty-five acres of land in North East township, two miles northeast of the borough of North East. Since that year he has devoted the bulk of his time to the development of this estate, of which one hundred acres is devoted to the raising of all kinds of berries and fruits, sixty acres being grown to grapes alone. The balance of his farm is given up to general farming. Mr. Dill is recognized as a practical and most expert horticulturist and has been president of the Keystone Grape Company of North East township since 1904. He has also served as vice president of the First National Bank of North East since its organization. His record as an agriculturist and business man has been so substantial that the citizens of North East borough and his Republican friends have repeatedly called upon him to manage their affairs and besides serving as school director for a number of years he has been honored with membership in the common council of Erie for two terms, representing the Fourth ward in that body. In Masonry he is a member of Keystone Lodge, chapter and commandery of Erie.

On June 11, 1861, Mr. Dill married Miss Mary J. Mount, a native of New York City, daughter of Theodore and Lucretia (Pulhannes) Mount, both natives of the Empire state. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dill have been as follows: Lottie, who died at the age of twenty-two months; William M., of Cleveland, Ohio, connected with a large corporation in that city; Robert J., who is the active superintendent of the home farm; and Harry H., in Cleveland with William. The mother of this family died in April, 1907, both herself and her husband having long been members of the Methodist church.

Benjamin F. Towne, deceased, was one of the early agriculturists of Erie county, and is numbered among its honored pioneers and

business men. Born in Granville, New York, May 11, 1822, he was a son of Bester and Betsey (Martin) Towne, both also from the town of Granville.

Bester Towne, born in Granville on the 20th of August, 1794, was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Coleman) Towne. Joseph Towne was born February 22, 1761, and was a son of Israel, born February 12, 1727, and Nancy (Stebbens) Towne, and a grandson of Israel Towne, Sr., who came to New England about the time of the landing of the Mayflower. Bester Towne remained with his parents in Granville, New York, until 1824, and then came to North East and located on a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, but a few years afterward moved to a place near the town and conducted a tavern there called the Checkered Tavern, it having received its name from the manner in which it had been painted. Later, securing property on the corner of Main and Lake streets, he was the proprietor of a general mercantile business there until his death December 2, 1870, his wife surviving him until the 22d of January, 1872. He had purchased a home and five acres of land in 1839, and this is now owned and occupied by a daughter.

Mr. Towne married September 22, 1816, Betsey M. Martin, born in Shaftsburg, Vermont, June 4, 1790, a daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Martin, and in their family were the following children: Morris C., born February 7, 1818, and died July 31, 1892; Bester C., born June 16, 1820, and died August 28, 1898; Benjamin F., born May 11, 1822, and died October 22, 1891; William M., born April 11, 1824, and died July 30, 1825; John J., born October 17, 1826, and died October 9, 1907; George W., born December 15, 1829, and died June 18, 1830; and Joseph I. The last named, the youngest of the family, was born on the 15th of April, 1831, and resides in Erie, Pennsylvania, on Sassafras street. He married first, Ruth M. Andrews, born in North East, a daughter of James Andrews, and their only child was a son, John S. This wife died on the 2d of August, 1862, and he married second, Mary A. Loomis, born in Erie, this state, September 14, 1869. She died January 22, 1870. After his first marriage Joseph I. Towne went to Elgin, Illinois, where he spent one year in a bank, and going from there to Council Bluffs, Iowa, he bought a flour and saw mill, but sold the mill two years afterward and went to Geneseo, Illinois, and engaged in a dry goods business with a brother, John J. On the 2d of December, 1862, he returned east to Erie, Pennsylvania, and from a bookkeeper in the Keystone National Bank he worked his way up to the assistant cashiership and finally to the cashier, and remained in that high official position for twenty-five years and more. Resigning from the office in 1892 he was from that time until 1901 engaged in the manufacture of gas stoves in that city, and on account of failing health has since lived retired, residing a part of the time with his sister Mary in North East and the remainder with a daughter-in-law in Erie. Before his marriage he was for two years associated with his father in the dry goods business in North East.

Benjamin F. Towne came with his parents to this city in 1829, and with them settled in the then wilderness of northeastern Pennsylvania. The early years of his life were spent in assisting his father to clear and improve his farm, and some years later, as above mentioned, the family removed to the outskirts of the village of North

East and became the proprietors of the old Checkered Tavern, well remembered by the early residents of this vicinity. After his marriage Mr. Towne left his parents' home and became the proprietor of a mercantile business in Wattsburg, Pennsylvania; but in 1870 he returned to his father's farm on the state road from Erie to Buffalo, a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, but with the exception of thirty acres this land has all been sold. His time from that time until his death, on the 22d of October, 1893, was spent in looking after his farm and in caring for his vineyard. His political affiliations were with the Republican party.

He married on the 18th of December, 1845, Elizabeth Pratt, born in Exeter, Otsego county, New York, March 30, 1830, a daughter of Asa and Mariett (Thompson) Pratt, the former from Burlington and the latter from Exeter, both in Otsego county. She was a daughter of Jeremiah and Jenett Pratt, of New York, and of Charles and Anna (Lewis) Thompson, also from that state. The children born to Benjamin F. and Elizabeth Towne are: Mariett, born June 12, 1847; Charles F., born July 30, 1849, and died April 30, 1907; Joseph I., born April 2, 1853, and died October 25, 1853; Bessie, born June 2, 1850, and died in 1860; Jessie M., born June 15, 1862, became the wife of Captain Don McDonald, and died in September, 1905; and Will J., born August 3, 1865, is connected with the cider works in North East.

John Leary. It is indeed a "far cry" from the position of a poor boy working at whatever occupation could be found, and at merely nominal pay, to that of a successful business man and influential and honored citizen of the community in which the immigrant lad from the fair Emerald Isle took up his abode when but fourteen years of age. This was the career of John Leary, who maintained his home in Erie for more than sixty years and who so directed his efforts as to attain a substantial fortune and so guided his course as to retain at all times the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow men. In America the title of self-made man is the strongest patent of nobility and sterling character, and he who worthily bears it need leave no other heritage of honor and distinction.

In the village of Coulmain, county Wexford, Ireland, John Leary was born in the year 1830, and there he received such educational advantages as were afforded in the common schools of the period. In 1844, when but fourteen years of age, he bravely faced the battle of life for himself. He came to America on a sailing vessel, and after the long and weary voyage was ended he landed in the port of New York City, whence he forthwith came to Erie, which city ever since represented his home and the center of his interests until his death, May 4, 1909. He had no influential friends and no financial resources when he arrived as a stranger in a strange land, but his courage and ambition proved ample equipment, as combined with native ability and sterling integrity of purpose. His first employment after locating in Erie county was as tender for the plasterer who was finishing the Matthew Barr brick house in the southeastern part of the city of Erie, which was then known as Weigeltown. This building is still standing and has long figured as a landmark in that section. Thereafter the lad found employment at various lines of occupation, always working by the day and for small pay. Finally he shipped aboard the United States revenue cutter, "Erie," for the princely "salary" of ten dollars a month, and in the fall of the

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same year the vessel was wrecked, by being driven ashore at Ashtabula, Ohio. Young Leary had formed a liking for the lake-marine service, however, and thereafter he continued to sail the great inland seas until 1850, serving in various capacities and winning promotion through his fidelity and ability. For much of the time he held the position of wheelman, and as such was employed on some of the largest and best boats of the fleets then plying the Great Lakes.

In 1850, after having severed his connection with marine interests, Mr. Leary initiated an independent career which has been one of constant progress and of distinctive success. He began contracting on railroad work, and his first important contract was in connection with the construction of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, of which he built many miles, and in this line of work he gained a high reputation as a reliable business man and able executive. Eventually he became the owner of a fine stone quarry at Garland, Pennsylvania, on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, and to the operation of the same he gave the major portion of his time and attention. He developed a splendid industrial enterprise in this connection and through the same gained a comfortable fortune,—a just recompense for his many years of earnest endeavor as one of the world's noble army of workers. As a citizen he was ever loyal and public-spirited, and in politics he gave his uncompromising allegiance to the Democratic party. He was a communicant of the Catholic church, as was also his devoted wife, and he was liberal in the support of the various departments of parish work.

On the 14th of May, 1848, Mr. Leary was united in marriage to Miss Mary Dunbar, daughter of the late James and Mary Dunbar, of Erie, and she was summoned to the life eternal in 1884. Of this marriage were born nine children, of whom three are living.

Frank J. Leary, son of the honored citizen whose sketch precedes this article, is recognized as one of the representative citizens of his native city, of whose board of education he is the able and popular president, and as a business man he has achieved prominence and definite prestige. He is now living virtually retired, though he gives his personal supervision to his various capitalistic interests.

Frank J. Leary was born in the city of Erie, on the 14th of June, 1856, and after completing the curriculum of the public schools he pursued the higher branches of academic learning in Villa Nova College, in the city of Philadelphia. He initiated his business career by assuming the position of bookkeeper in the office of the Erie & Pittsburg Railroad shops, in Erie, and later he held a similar position in the plumbing establishment of —— Butler. In 1880 he went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he became manager of the branch there maintained by the Lovell Manufacturing Company, one of Eries most important industrial concerns. In 1882 he returned to Erie, and here he finally became employed by Jacob Weshler in the malt business, in which they built up a large and substantial enterprise. With this Mr. Leary continued to be identified for several years when the business was sold to the syndicate known as the American Malting Company, and since that time he has been retired from active business associations, save in the management of his various private interests.

Mr. Leary holds a deep interest in all that tends to conserve the welfare of his native city, and is one of the enthusiastic advocates of industrial and civic progress. He is aligned as a stanch supporter of

the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and though he has never sought political office he has rendered particularly able and zealous service as a member of the Erie board of education, of which he has been a member since 1900 and to the presidency of which he was elected in 1908. He is a charter member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, in whose affairs he manifests a lively interest, and he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church and hold membership in the cathedral parish of St. Peter's church.

In 1882 was solemnized the marriage of Frank J. Leary to Miss Bena Weshler, daughter of Jacob Weshler, one of Erie's representative business men, and the children of this union are: William J., Marie, Katrina, Josephine, and Dunbar.

Franklin Youngs. Proprietor of a large and productive fruit farm and sugar camp in North East township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, Franklin Youngs is one of the old and substantial residents of that locality. He is a native of Chautauqua county, New York, born in the town of Ripley, April 17, 1844. The earlier members of his family were natives and for years residents of Connecticut, his grandparents, Thomas L. and Permillia Youngs, and his parents, Philetus and Eliza (Sample) Youngs, being all born in that state. The grandfather came to Chautauqua county, New York, where he secured land and resided until his death. At the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Philetus Youngs the family homestead was established near the state line separating Pennsylvania from New York and after a number of years the father sold his property and removed to Lenawee county, Michigan, his wife having died previous to his change of location. The husband lived in Michigan until the time of his death, being the father of Lovinia, now Mrs. Leroy Perkins, of Ripley, New York, and Franklin, of this sketch.

After receiving a good district school education Mr. Youngs resided with his parents until his marriage in 1876 and during the two years following he worked his father's farm on shares. He then purchased fifty acres of land in North East township which was partly timber; but he cleared the land and at once cultivated fifteen acres to grapes and five acres to black raspberries, subsequently laying out a fine orchard. At the present time he is proprietor of eighty-three acres of land all in one body and thoroughly productive. Besides his fruit farm he has one hundred fine maple trees from which the production of sugar is both large and of a superior grade. His property possesses the further advantage of being closely connected with good transportation facilities as the lines of the B. & L. E. Traction Company pass through his farm. In politics Mr. Youngs is a Republican.

On September 10, 1876, Mr. Youngs married Miss Jeanette Finley, born at Mina, Chautauqua county, New York, and a daughter of Carson Finley. Their children are Charles, residing on a portion of the home farm, wedded Miss Caroline Breakhalter; Nina, living in North East, and Nellis, at home.

Edgar Mason. Having been engaged in the grist mill business for over a quarter of a century and long a participant in mercantile pursuits, Edgar Mason is now extensively and profitably engaged in

the culture, storage and sale of grapes. He is a native of Ripley, New York, born July 26, 1844, being a son of Hezekiah and Rosanna (Rich) Mason, his parents being both natives of Vermont. Sampson Mason, the grandfather, was a son of Massachusetts, in which state the family was established in early colonial times. Soon after the marriage of the parents near Lake Champlain, Vermont, in 1820, they came by ox teams to Ripley, New York. There, near the Pennsylvania state line, the husband followed his trade as a wool carder and during the later years of his life was proprietor of a woolen mill. Hezekiah Mason was born in 1800 and died in 1848, while his wife, who was one year his junior, survived him until 1884.

Edgar Mason was the youngest in a family of five boys and two girls and lived with his mother until three years after his father's death. He then made his home with his brother-in-law, Ira Gay, with whom he lived until his marriage in 1867. Soon afterward he entered into business and conducted a general store in Ripley until 1873 when he disposed of his business and purchased a grist mill at Gulf on Twenty-mile creek in North East township. This he conducted with profit and success for about twenty-five years and then only relinquished the business because of the complete destruction of his plant by fire. Mr. Mason then removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a produce salesman until 1900 when he purchased a twenty-five acre farm in North East township. At one time there were no buildings on the place and the land had almost gone to waste, but prior to going to Pittsburg, in 1893, he commenced to cultivate this tract to grapes and erect convenient and large buildings for the packing and handling of his produce. Since 1903 Mr. Mason has not only erected extensive barns and packing houses, but a fine and modern residence. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic lodge of North East, and the Mt. Olivet Commandery, Knights Templar, of Erie.

On October 31, 1867, Mr. Mason married Miss Ellen R. Beatty, who was a native of North East township and a daughter of Hugh and Rhoda (Shortman) Beatty. She is of both New England and Irish parentage and the children born into their home were as follows: Mable and Rosanna, the former of whom died at the age of four and the latter when two years old; Jennie, now Mrs. James Tripp, who resides with Mr. Mason; Hugh, a resident of Los Angeles, California; John, living at Kellogg, Idaho; Ella, who died at Pittsburg in 1900 as Mrs. John E. McKee; Anna M., who married Frank Wolf, of North East township; and Ralph C., proprietor of the store at Stateline. The ancestors of Mr. Mason on the paternal side figured conspicuously in the Revolutionary war.

Willis F. Wolf. An honored resident of North East township, Erie county, Willis F. Wolf comes of a family which, both paternally and maternally, materially participated in the pioneer life of the county. His grandparents were Cyrus and Mary Wolf and Samuel and Mary Myers, all of whom were early settlers of Erie county, former of Mill Creek and latter of Fair View, where Mr. Wolf was born, on the 16th of July, 1857. He is a son of Isaac and Eliza (Myers) Wolf, who were married near Erie and in the spring of 1860 settled on the homestead in North East township, where the

father died August 14, 1904, and where his widow still resides. They became the parents of seven boys and two girls, Willis F. being the second of the sons.

Until his marriage, March 4, 1880, Mr. Wolf assisted his father in the work of the home farm, and for two years thereafter operated the place on shares. He then purchased sixty-seven and a half acres of land on which there was an apple and cherry orchard, whose area of productiveness he has extended until there is hardly a foot of uncultivated soil. Fifty acres are planted to grapes, and the balance to small fruits, Mr. Wolf being considered one of the most successful horticulturists in the township. Educated in the district schools himself, he has always taken a deep interest in their welfare and done his share toward advancing their interests, having served as school director for a period of six years. Although an active Republican and influential citizen, this is the only public office which he has held. His fraternal connections are with Grape City Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 73, Heneosis Adelphon Encampment, of Erie, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Royal Arcanum, Council No. 764, of Ripley, New York.

On March 4, 1880, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Woolsey, born in Elk Creek township, daughter of German and Ruth (Francis) Woolsey. The father was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, the grandparents, Joseph and Mehitable Woolsey, being of English parentage. The mother was a native of Lewis, New York, and her parents, Levi and Ruth Francis, were of old New Hampshire stock. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis F. Wolf were: Ford Woolsey and Frank Levi Wolf, both residents of North East township, Erie county, and Bessie, who lives at home. Ford W. wedded Miss Allie Heath, a resident of North East township, and Frank L. married Miss Anna Mason, residing on the estate in North East township. The family resides in a commodious and modern house of ten rooms, which Mr. Wolf erected in 1906.

Andrew Philo Green, who for many years has been numbered among the business men of Harbor Creek township, is the youngest of the five living children born to Philo and Betsy (Gleason) Green, well known early residents of this community. The son, born in Harbor Creek township April 16, 1863, received a good educational training in his early life in the district schools and in the State Normal at Edinboro, and he remained at home on the farm with his mother until he had attained the age of fifteen years, his father having died just five years previously, in 1873. He then began learning the blacksmith's trade in Erie, and after working there for four years he came to Moorheadville and purchased the blacksmith shop of Mr. Canfield. He continued in business at that location for twenty years and more, and then tearing down that old shop he bought a brick school house which had been abandoned and converted it into a blacksmith shop, laying therein a cement floor and adding all the necessary articles for the carrying on of his work until the shop is now complete in all its arrangements. In the meantime Mr. Green has also acquired quite extensive realty holdings, owning a tract of five acres, and also twenty acres adjoining on the west which he devotes to fruit and grape culture, but his time and attention are principally given to the work of his blacksmith shop.

On the 1st of January, 1885, he was united in marriage to Hattie E. Neff, who was born in South Wales, Erie county, and she died without issue on the 4th of May, 1899. In June of 1901 he married Anna Evans, from Ashtabula, Ohio, a daughter of Richard and Caroline (Kellogg) Evans, and they have a son, Philo Andrew Green, born on November 21, 1906. Mr. Green is an independent political voter.

William H. Gray. Earl Gray lived in the county Wicklow, near Dublin, Ireland, and on account of some family trouble he disinherited his son Robert, who thereupon left home and went to the county Tyrone, locating near Newtown, where he learned the weaver's trade. He married Jane Maclaroy and they had five children, as follows: John, Robert, James, Sarah and Margaret.

Robert Gray was born December 11, 1811, in the county Tyrone, and his wife, Isabella Carson, September 4, 1818, near the barracks in London, England. Her father was James Carson, who was a sergeant in the English army and was pensioned on one hundred pounds per year. Her mother's name was Mary Mahoney, a Catholic lady educated in a convent. As a child, Isabella Carson was a playmate of Queen Victoria. All of the Grays were Presbyterians. Robert Gray and Isabella Carson were married January 23, 1836, and they had thirteen children, eleven reaching maturity, being as follows: James C., Margaret A., Isabella, Alexander A., Mary, John A., William H., Elizabeth, Sarah J., Thomas, Ella A., Thomas H., and Johanna.

Robert Gray came to America in 1853 and located near Harbor Creek, his wife coming the following year and bringing four children with her, leaving three in England with her parents. The family was on the ocean eight weeks, being shipwrecked off Newfoundland. The next year (1855), two of the children left in England came to this country, the third remaining with her grandparents until she was fourteen years of age. The family lived in the vicinity of Harbor Creek for many years, Robert Gray dying in August, 1882, and his wife, April 1, 1893.

Alexander A. Gray served one year in the navy during the Civil war. He was also the civil engineer in Erie for thirteen years and after a short illness died in November, 1881. James C. Gray, the oldest of the family, met a terrible death while driving across the Lake Shore tracks at Harbor Creek, being struck by a fast train and mangled beyond recognition.

William H. Gray left home at the age of sixteen years and mastered his trade by a three years' apprenticeship under J. M. Zuck, of Erie. He received a common school education, and also took a business course at one of the night schools in Erie. At the age of nineteen years he went to work for J. S. Stinson, at Harbor Creek, and after six years they formed a partnership, the company continuing for ten years; after which Mr. Gray purchased Mr. Stinson's interest and went into business for himself.

On June 10, 1878, William Gray and Clarinda B. Green, of Harbor Creek, daughter of Philo H. and Betsy (Gleason) Green, were married, and four children were born to them: Frank E., Bessie I., Ella L., and Mabelle M. In 1880 Mr. Gray bought the C. G. Miller property consisting of six acres at Harbor Creek. This tract he

platted into lots, improved and sold. He operated the blacksmith shop at this place for ten years and during this time bought and sold a number of farms. In the winter of 1898 he sold out his business, and on February 6, 1898, the family residence was burned. The family then moved to the Lowry farm, where they lived about six months, after which they located at Wesleyville, where Mr. Gray bought the John C. Paul lot, on the corner of Station and Main streets. Shortly after this he built the home where the family now resides. In 1906 Mr. Gray purchased a part of the Curtis property and built thereon a two-story blacksmith and wagon shop, where he and his son, Frank E. Gray, conduct a flourishing partnership business. In the spring of 1908 Willow street was opened and the property on the west side belonging to Mr. Gray was cut up into lots.

July 25, 1903, Frank E. Gray wedded Cora L. Thompson, daughter of Doran and Lovica (Bonnell) Thompson and April 12, 1905, Bessie I. wedded Frank A. Oakes, son of Ellison A. and Phenia (Lupher) Oakes. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gray have three grandchildren: William Robert Gray, Margaret Lucile Gray and William Ellison Oakes.

Thomas A. Elliott. Andrew Elliott, the grandfather of Thomas A., of this review, has the honor of being the pioneer settler of Harbor Creek township. In 1797 he came from his native state of New York and taking up one hundred acres of timber land proceeded to clear it and fashion it into the family homestead. He remained thereon until the time of his death. His wife, Betsy Elliott, who was a native of Ireland, also passed away in this locality. The parents of Thomas A. were Thomas and Maria (Torry) Elliott. The father, who was born on the old homestead in Harbor Creek township, died in November 1864, and his wife, a daughter of New York, survived him until 1905.

Thomas A. Elliott was the fourth child in the family and obtained the bulk of his education at the Erie Academy and Erie high school. At the age of twenty he became a telegraphic operator in the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Harbor Creek, and thus continued for three years when he was appointed station agent by the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, being the first to hold that position at Harbor Creek. He was thus engaged until February, 1908, when he removed to a portion of the old home estate which he, in the meantime, had inherited. Mr. Elliott has always been a firm Republican and his constancy and public usefulness are proven by the fact that he has held the office of town clerk at Harbor Creek since 1888. In his fraternal relations he is identified with the North East Lodge and Mt. Olivet Commandery of the Masonic order and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, of Erie. Mr. Elliott was married December 22, 1886, to Miss Jennie Whitley, a native of Mill Creek township, and a daughter of Benjamin B. and Isadore (Burton) Whitley, and their one child, T. Whitley Elliott, was born July 11, 1888.

Louis F. Shultz, who spent the last years of his life at Boscobel, Pennsylvania, was long known in Harbor Creek township as a prosperous saw mill proprietor and was interested in the progress of the

local schools. He was a native of the township named, born August 15, 1848, son of Christian and Sophia (Yaw) Shultz. His parents were both natives of Saxony, Germany, and coming to the United States on their wedding trip, about 1843, settled in Erie county, Pennsylvania. The father was engaged for many years there as a weaver and employee of various woolen mills in the vicinity and resided in Harbor Creek township until the time of his death, with the exception of the period during which he served in the Civil war.

Louis F. Shultz, of this sketch, spent the chief part of his business life in the saw mill industry, also conducting for a long time a large cider mill which he erected between Greene and Harbor Creek townships. He was thus employed at the time of his death February 10, 1886. On May 13, 1873, Mr. Shultz married Miss Dora Goodwin, born in Harbor Creek township and a daughter of Lorenzo D. and Lorinda (Barnes) Goodwin, the early members of her family being prominent Bostonians. The father was also engaged in the saw mill business for many years, his death occurring November 22, 1895. After the death of her husband the widow made her home with her parents, in the southeast portion of Harbor Creek township and there resided until 1904 when she established her home at Wesleyville.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Shultz was a widely known school teacher, being employed in the educational field from the age of fifteen until her union to Mr. Shultz and for nine years after his death. Seven years of this period were spent in connection with the schools of Wesleyville and two years in the common institutions. In 1904 the widow purchased land in Wesleyville and erected thereon a large modern residence. She has, moreover, a natural gas well on her property from which she derives an abundant supply for heating and lighting purposes. It should be stated further regarding the Goodwin family that Mrs. Shultz's grandparents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Carl) Goodwin, were both natives of Maine, and that Solomon and Phebe (Taylor) Barnes, the grandparents on her mother's side, were of New York state. The Goodwin family was one of the prominent families of the Old Bay state, and Mrs. Shultz has a copy of the Coat of Arms, which the Earl Goodwin of "Merrie England" possessed. As early as 1815 the Goodwin family migrated from the Pine Tree state to Harbor Creek township where for many years Mr. Goodwin plied his trade as a cooper. At the age of fourteen, he was a mail carrier employed by his father who had the government contract covering the section from Wesleyville, Pennsylvania, to Mayville, New York. Three days were spent in completing the trip which was made mostly along the bridle-path and the boy was thus employed for about three years. After his marriage he removed to Fox Lake, Dodge county, Wisconsin, making the trip overland by wagon and was engaged in real estate at that point for some time. As his mother was still living at Harbor Creek he returned to that locality twelve years later, having in the meantime served in the Civil war in connection with the commissary department of the government.

Cassius M. Chambers owns and operates one of the valuable old homesteads of Harbor Creek township in Erie county. Benjamin Chambers, his father, was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, but in 1802, when he was but six months old, he was brought by his

parents, Ezekiel and Rebecca (Custard) Chambers, to Harbor Creek township, Erie county. Here in his early life he married Philinda Sewell, who was born in Rome, Oneida county, New York, in 1807, a daughter of Ebenezer and Luanna (Orton) Sewell. She was but a child when she came with her parents to this township, and after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chambers located on the farm he had bought in Harbor Creek township. That was their home until 1852, when they sold the place and bought what has since become known as the old Chambers homestead a half a mile east of their first purchase, and there the wife died on the 7th of December, 1880, and the husband on the 7th of August, 1894. Their six children were: Elizabeth, who died at the age of thirty-eight years; Eugene R., who was twenty-six years of age at the time of his death, dying from the effects of his army life; Sophia, who became the wife of Frank Folder and died in Mantua, Ohio, in 1867; Amanda, who resides on the old home farm; Cassius M., mentioned below; and George, who died in July of 1906.

Cassius M. Chambers was born in Harbor Creek township July 1, 1845, and he remained at home and cared for his parents until their death, his father having been an invalid with rheumatism for forty years or more. By buying at different times the interests of the other heirs he is now the sole owner of this old homestead farm, and with the exception of his ten acres of vineyard the place is devoted to gardening purposes. He married on the 10th of December, 1869, Maria Funston, a cousin of General Funston, who was born in De Witt, Onondaga county, New York, a daughter of Thomas and Maria E. (Hamilton) Funston, from Connecticut. The children of this union are: Jessie, who was born on May 28, 1871, and is the wife of Wilford Bliley, of Wesleyville, Pennsylvania; Benjamin F., born March 19, 1874, resides in Harbor Creek township; Clara B., born July 30, 1879, is the wife of W. O. Smith, of Erie; Anna M., born June 2, 1885, died February 17, 1886. Since the 25th of May, 1902, Miss Irene Stephenson has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Chambers. She was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, February 3, 1891, a daughter of George A. and Margaret Irene (Rankin) Stephenson, who were from Canada, but both are now deceased. Mr. Chambers affiliates with the Republican party. During the past nine years he has served as a school director, and in 1902 he was elected the township tax collector.

Harrison H. Lewis. Generously endowed with the energy, enterprise and push characteristic of the American people, Harrison H. Lewis, of Greenfield township, Erie county, is actively identified with the promotion of the mercantile interests of this part of the Keystone state, being proprietor of a general store at Ashton's Corners, where he has a large and rapidly increasing trade. A son of Horace Lewis, he was born, April 20, 1878, in Illinois, coming from pioneer stock, his grandfather, Nelson Lewis, having been an early settler of Erie county.

Born in Berlin, New York, January 18, 1814, Nelson Lewis was there reared and married. In 1852 he migrated to Erie county, Pennsylvania, locating in Greenfield township, where he purchased four hundred acres of timbered land. He made valuable improvements on the place, and in 1857 purchased two hundred acres of near-by

land, and on this estate of six hundred acres was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, May 27, 1860. He was a man of prominence in the community, serving in various township offices, and for seven years as justice of the peace. He was a sincere Christian, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Lydia Shaw, who was born, in 1815, in New York state, their marriage being solemnized April 2, 1837. She survived him many years, dying May 13, 1899. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Sarah, Harrison H., Phenius, Daniel, Benjamin, Lester and Horace.

Horace Lewis was born in Allegheny county, New York, and as a boy came with his parents to Greenfield township, Erie county, where he was educated. He subsequently lived for a few years in Illinois, but returned about 1880 to Erie county, his former home, preferring life in this part of the union. He married first, in 1877, Emma Rugg, who was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and died in Erie county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1888. On August 7, 1889, he married for his second wife Alice A. Austin. By his first marriage, he became the father of six children, namely: Harrison H., of this sketch; Alta M.; Florence M.; Charles; Cora; and Arthur E., deceased. Of his second union eleven children have been born, as follows: Walter M., Roscoe R., Edna E., Zella E., Leon L., Clyde C., Clayton H., Forest, Harold G., Winifred A., and Daniel R.

Brought up and educated in Erie county, Harrison H. Lewis occupies a noteworthy position among its esteemed business men. In 1908 he bought, of Mrs. A. D. Weaver, his present store at Ashton's Corners, a store which was established here in 1902. A man of enterprise and keen foresight, he possesses a good understanding of the best methods of so conducting his affairs as to secure profitable returns, and his good success is made evident to all by his constantly growing patronage, his large stock of general merchandise being carefully selected, Mr. Lewis's aim being to please the eye and taste of each of his numerous customers.

In 1908 Mr. Lewis was united in marriage with Ella M. Gabriel, who was born in Chautauqua county, New York, May 18, 1889, and they have one child, Beatrice E. Lewis, born June 23, 1909.

James M. Humphrey. For many years James M. Humphrey was actively identified with the agricultural growth and prosperity of Chautauqua county, New York, his homestead in French Creek township having been highly improved, and under a fine state of cultivation. An energetic and progressive farmer, thorough-going and systematic in his methods, he used the most modern approved machinery in carrying on his agricultural labors, his equipments and improvements comparing favorably with the best in the vicinity. Since retiring from active business, he has resided in Corry, Pennsylvania, enjoying to the utmost a well-earned leisure. A son of Hiram Humphrey, he was born, February 4, 1827, in Attica, New York, in what was then Genesee county, but is now within the limits of Wyoming county. His grandfather, Ebenezer Humphrey, was a pioneer settler of Attica, and upon the farm that he reclaimed from the dense forest spent the

later years of his life. He was twice married, his first wife, Harriet Symons, having been the mother of his son Hiram.

Born in Marcellus, Onondaga county, New York, Hiram Humphrey was a small lad when his parents removed to Attica, where he grew to man's estate. In 1806 he started westward in search of a desirable place in which to locate, journeying with teams through the almost unbroken wilderness to Warren county, Pennsylvania. In Columbus township he bought sixty acres of land, a small part of which was partly cleared. Moving into the log house which had been built in the opening, he at once began, with characteristic enterprise and courage, the improvement of a homestead. Successful in his operations, he cleared the land, put up substantial frame buildings, and was there engaged in tilling the soil until his death, at the age of eighty-eight years. Hiram Humphrey married Betsey Hills, a native, it is thought, of Canajoharie, New York. Her father, Adino Hills, was a pioneer settler of Eagle, Genesee county. She died at the age of fifty-six years, leaving four children, Ardelia, Horatio, James M., and Lovica.

About three years old when his parents located in Warren county, Pennsylvania, James M. Humphrey obtained his early education in the typical log schoolhouse of pioneer times, with its earth and stick chimney, and its huge fireplace. The seats were rough slabs, with wooden pins inserted for legs, and as there were no desks the pupils used a board placed along one side of the building to write upon. Leaving home at the age of twenty-three years, Mr. Humphrey purchased a timbered tract of land in the town of French Creek, Chautauqua county, New York, and there set up housekeeping in a log cabin. He cleared the land, erected a fine set of buildings, and was there prosperously engaged in general farming until 1892, making a specialty of raising fine graded stock. Renting his farm in that year, Mr. Humphrey removed to Corry, purchasing the house which he has since occupied, and in his pleasant home is living retired from active labor, devoting his time to the management of his personal interests.

Mr. Humphrey has been twice married. He married first, in 1849, Electa Whitford, who was born in Chenango county, New York, a daughter of Ezekiel and Ruth (Rice) Whitford. She died in 1897. On June 11, 1900, Mr. Humphrey married for his second wife Mrs. Almira (Dewing) Smith, daughter of Elihu and Orpha (Brown) Dewing, and widow of Henry Delos Smith. She was born at French Creek, Chautauqua county, New York, May 18, 1838. One of the first fourteen settlers of French Creek township, Elihu Dewing followed a trail made by blazing trees in journeying from Canada, his native place, to his new home in the wilderness, there being then neither railroads nor canals across the country. Indians still inhabited the forests, and deer, bears, wolves and other wild animals were plentiful, and oftentimes destructive. Buying a tract of timbered land, he built a small log cabin, in which Mrs. Humphrey was born, which for a number of years the family occupied. The settlers lived on the products of the soil, and all dressed in homespun garments fashioned by the women of the household from material which they carded, spun and wove from the wool and flax raised on the farm. A few years later, having placed a part of his land under culture, Mr. Dewing sold at an advantage, and migrated with his family to Kansas.

Becoming a pioneer of Sedgwick county, he bought a tract of prairie land near the present site of the now flourishing city of Wichita, which was then a small hamlet. During the unusually dry seasons that followed, many of the settlers of that locality lost heart, and left the country. He, however, persevered, improved his land, and before his death had the gratification of seeing the country roundabout well settled, populous and prosperous. His wife was a native of New York, having been born in Lockport, a daughter of William and Mary (Weaver) Brown.

Henry Delos Smith, Mrs. Humphrey's first husband, was born in Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania, a son of Chauncey and Fanny (Eagles) Smith, pioneers of that place. After his marriage, he settled on a farm in French Creek township, and was there prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1894. To him and his wife, now Mrs. Humphrey, four children were born, namely: Elmer E., who married Florence Woods, Katie M., who married George P. Brown, died at the age of twenty-four years, leaving one son, Elmer Ellis Brown, then sixteen months old, Charles H. died at the age of twenty-four years, and Millie Mary, wife of James H. Humphrey, has two adopted children, Floy May, and Charles Raymond. His wife died May 5, 1909.

By his first marriage, Mr. Humphrey reared five children, as follows: Eveline E., Mary J., Chloe A., James H., and George M. Eveline E., wife of Walter Sessions, has four children, Ora, Harry, Addie, and Tessie. Mary J., wife of Levant Olmstead, has four children, Frank, James, Belle, and Elbert. James H., as above mentioned, married Millie Mary Smith. George, who married Estella Wallace, has two children, Cecil and Ruth. Harry Sessions, Mr. Humphrey's grandson, married Alice ————, and they have two children, Beatrice and Harold. Elmer Ellis Brown was brought up after his mother's death by Mrs. Humphrey, and now has the care of her farming property. He married Eva Moore, and they have one child, Alvan Kenneth Brown. Mr. Humphrey cast his first presidential vote for Zachary Taylor, the hero of the Mexican war. For many years after the formation of the Republican party, he was one of its stanchest supporters, but is now independent in politics, voting for the best men and measures, regardless of party affiliations.

Christmas Evans, who was widely known as a prosperous farmer and good citizen of Harbor Creek township, was of an old Welsh family, born at Holly Head December 25, 1801. In 1855 he came with his family to the United States, first settling at Erie and soon afterward purchasing ninety-five acres of land in Harbor Creek township. Fifty acres of this tract were timbered, but as he was a hardy Welshman and a good farmer he soon cleared the land and placed his farm under thorough cultivation and improvement. Since his death June 13, 1890, his daughter Grace has had the active management of the farm and the entire homestead.

In 1830, Christmas Evans was married in Wales to Miss Anna Hughes, who was born in that country in 1810. The eleven children born to them were as follows: Betsy, now deceased; Richard, who resides in Greenfield township, this county; Margaret, now the widow of Ebenezer Davis, of Erie; William, who died as a soldier in the Civil war in 1864; Ellen, Jane and Jennie, all deceased; Grace, who

conducts the home place; John, who died in infancy; John (second) and Thomas. Mr. Evans' wife died April 21, 1891, less than a year after his own decease.

John and Thomas resided with their parents until their father's death when they removed to a farm of one hundred and thirty-one acres in Harbor Creek township and later purchased a farm of thirty-seven and one half acres in the same township. In 1896 they built a two-story frame house of ten rooms in which they comfortably spend their bachelor lives. Besides carrying on general farming operations, they conduct a large dairy, shipping their butter to Erie. They both obtained good common school educations, are firm Republicans and worthy citizens in every way.

Dewitt Lloyd Bracken. A man of excellent business qualifications, honest and upright in his dealings, Dewitt L. Bracken has been identified with the mercantile interests of Erie for upwards of thirty-five years, as a member of the enterprising and substantial firm of Bracken Brothers, having established an extensive and lucrative business as a wholesale produce dealer. He was born, January 5, 1851, in Columbus, Warren county, being the fourth child in succession of birth of George W. and Angeline (Lloyd) Bracken. An extended sketch of his parents and ancestors may be found elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the personal history of his brother, Charles H. Bracken.

Brought up and educated in his native town, Dewitt L. Bracken remained an inmate of the parental household until sixteen years old. Desirous then of making a start in life, he came, in 1867, to Corry in search of employment, and for five years served as clerk in a grocery store, in the meantime, being observing and quick of comprehension, obtaining a practical insight into the management of the business. Forming a partnership with his brother, Charles H. Bracken, in 1872, under the firm name of Bracken Brothers, he has since been among the leading merchants of the city.

Mr. Bracken married, in November, 1864, Ella Page. She was born in Mercer, being a daughter of James B. and Mary (Carroll) Page. Mr. and Mrs. Bracken have two children, namely: Opal May, born April 19, 1888; and James W., born June 23, 1895. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Bracken are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

L. Emmett Torry. A leading citizen of general activity and public enterprise, L. Emmett Torry, of Erie, is one of the ablest members of the bar. He is of an old and honored family of Scotch-Irish descent, his grandfather, James Torry, being a native of Ireland who settled in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in 1797. Upon first coming to America, however, he settled in Virginia, whence he migrated to the Keystone state. He married Miss Margaret Alexander, and one of their sons, also James Torry, wedded Miss Margaret Rubner. They became the parents of L. Emmett. The father was reared on the Torry farm in Crawford county; engaged in agriculture all his life, and died on the place where he was born in 1881, his widow surviving him until 1905.

The Torry homestead in Venango township, Crawford county, whose age entitles it to the title of "ancestral estate," is also the birthplace of L. Emmett Torry, who reached his youth in the same locality and there obtained a district school education. Later, he attended the State Normal at Edinboro, and while pursuing his course was obliged to teach school in order to "work his way through." That expression, although hackneyed, has a world of meaning for thousands of successful men of today, who thus chose to obtain a foretaste of the difficulties which stand in the way of honorable progress, and whose mastery no sturdy member of the community can afford to put off until the very moment of launching himself among them. Graduating from the normal school in 1884, Mr. Torry continued his career as an educator, at the same time commencing the study of law. He began his professional studies in the latter field at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and completed them in the office of Vincent and Walling, Erie, being admitted to the bar in the latter city, on the 18th of October, 1887. Mr. Torry selected Erie as the place to inaugurate his practice, with good judgment, as his progress of the intervening twenty-two years has proven. He is an active and leading member of the Erie Bar Association, of the Country Club and other organizations, and his honorable standing as a citizen is indicated by his election to the presidency of the Erie Board of Trade, his term of office covering 1908-9. He is a married man of domestic temperament, his wife being formerly Miss Henrietta Degmeyer, daughter of G. F. Degmeyer, a most reputable Erie citizen.

Elmer Ellsworth Bush. Possessing those personal traits of character that win the respect and esteem of a community, Elmer Ellsworth Bush holds an assured position among the valued citizens of Corry, which has been his home for many years. A son of Willis Henry Bush, he was born, October 16, 1860, in Columbus township, Warren county, Pennsylvania. The representative of one of the early colonial families of New England, he is a descendant in the fifth generation of Joshua Bush, a farmer of Enfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Bush's grandfather, Rev. Joshua Bush, and his great-grandfather, Jonathan Bush, were both natives of Enfield, the birth of the former occurring December 9, 1788, and that of the latter March 3, 1747. Migrating to Chenango county, New York, in 1788, Jonathan Bush was for a number of years proprietor of a hotel in the town of Oxford, on the old stage coach line, that being long before the time of railroads. Subsequently removing to that part of the county now included within the town of Guilford, he bought a farm, on which he resided until his death, February 23, 1816. He married Patience Killum, who was born, September 30, 1750, in Enfield, Connecticut, and died, January 12, 1828, in Guilford, New York.

Rev. Joshua Bush was reared and educated in Chenango county, New York. In early life he started across the country with ox-teams, the favorite mode of traveling in pioneer days, for Chautauqua county, locating in Ellington at a time when settlers were few and far between. Purchasing wild land, he cleared a part of it, and in 1825 sold out at an advance. Going from there to Warren county, Pennsylvania, he settled in Columbus township, about four miles from the present site of the village of Columbus. There were no railroads in the vicinity

for many years after that time, and no near-by markets. Deer, wild turkeys and other kinds of game were plentiful, and, with the productions of the soil, furnished the chief subsistence of the pioneer families. Having previously united with the Christian church, the Rev. Joshua Bush became a local preacher, and as an evangelist did successful work in that region. Occupying the farm that he cleared from the forest, he moved, about 1870, to the village of Columbus, where he lived retired until his death, in the ninety-fifth year of his age, being then a hale and hearty man, bearing with ease and dignity the burden of his years. His death was accidental, a runaway team colliding with the carriage in which he was riding, throwing him out, and injuring him in such a manner as to cause his death, which occurred in September, 1883. The maiden name of his wife was Lovincy Ingersoll. She was born in Chenango county, New York, where her parents, Oliver and Hannah (Burgett) Ingersoll, natives of Massachusetts, settled as pioneers. Nine children were born of their union, as follows: Tabitha, Maria, Alonzo, Sally, Hannah, Harriet, William, Willis Henry, and Editha.

Born in Columbus township, Warren county, May 30, 1830, Willis Henry Bush was brought up on the home farm, and after growing to manhood bought, of his father, a tract of partly improved land in Columbus township. Erecting a good set of buildings, he continually added to the improvements of the place, and subsequently increased the amount of its acreage by the purchase of adjoining land. There, successfully employed in his chosen occupation, he lived until 1890. Coming then to Corry, he bought a home, and here lived retired from active pursuits until his death, March 7, 1892. He married Mary E. Baker, who was born in Columbus township, Warren county, November 16, 1841, a daughter of Tilly Baker, and granddaughter of David and Lucy (Bowen) Baker, of whom further record may be found on another page of this work, in connection with the sketch of Capt. Marion N. Baker. Tilly Baker was born in Smyrna, Chenango county, New York, but was reared in Cattaraugus county, where his parents settled when he was young, buying land near Farmersville. He assisted his father in clearing and improving a homestead, and when ready to start in life for himself removed to Warren county, Pennsylvania, becoming a pioneer of Columbus township. Buying land that was still in its virgin wildness, he labored heroically to clear a farm from the wilderness, and in the course of time was well rewarded for his labors. On this farm he resided until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Phoebe Marble. Mrs. Mary E. (Baker) Bush survived her husband many years, passing away June 6, 1904. Two children were born of their union, namely: Elmer Ellsworth, the subject of this brief sketch; and Emmett, who died at the age of nine years.

Brought up on the home farm, Elmer E. Bush attended the district schools, and assisted his father in his agricultural work, living beneath the parental roof-tree until ready to take upon himself the cares and responsibilities of a married man. Since that time Mr. Bush has resided in Corry, and has been variously employed, his private interests demanding much of his time and attention.

On October 3, 1882, Mr. Bush married Ina Curtis. She was born in Columbus township, Warren county, a daughter of De Lafayette

Curtis. Her grandfather, Captain David Curtis, was born in Woodbury, Litchfield county, Connecticut, August 17, 1786, a son of James Curtis, whose birth occurred in the same town, in 1762. During the Revolutionary war, James Curtis served five enlistments. Late in the eighteenth century, he removed to Chenango county, New York, becoming an early settler of Sherburne, where he improved a farm, and spent the remainder of his days, passing away in 1835. He married Amy Seymour, who was born June 9, 1761, and died November 8, 1826. In 1822 Captain David Curtis visited Warren county, as an agent for H. J. Huydenkupper, who was associated with the Holland Land Company, making the entire journey overland. Returning to Chenango county, New York, he staid there about a year, and then took his family to Warren county, traveling the distance with teams, and located in Columbus township, where he resided until his death, in 1832. His wife, formerly Delilah Scars, lived until an advanced age, passing away in 1872. De Lafayette Curtis was a life-long resident of Warren county, during his earlier life carrying on farming in Columbus township, and spending his last days, retired from active business, in the village of Columbus, where his death occurred in February, 1908, at the age of eighty-two years. He married Melissa Dewey, who was born in Columbus township, in 1829, and died in January, 1886. Six children were born of their union, namely: Eloine, Emmett, Sybil, Ina, Fayette, and Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Bush have two children, Emmett and Albert. In his political affiliations Mr. Bush is a straightforward Republican.

Alfred Edward Wood, who is a well known farmer, dairyman and horticulturist of Harbor Creek township, Erie county, is a native of the township named where he was born June 17, 1861. He is a son of Albert and Elizabeth (Mozley) Wood, his father being a native of New England and his mother of the mother country. The maternal grandparents were Henry and Susanna (Pilley) Mozley, the former being a native of Sutton-on-Trent and the latter of Burlington, Yorkshire, both in England. The father was one of the early settlers of Harbor Creek township and for his first wife married a Miss Lyons by whom he had four sons and three daughters. After her death he married Elizabeth Mozley who was then residing in Buffalo as the widow of James H. Thomas and the mother of five children by her first marriage. Of these five children Miss Susanna Thomas, who is the housekeeper of her half brother, Alfred E. Wood, is the only child living. She was born in the city of Erie. She was educated in the common schools. She is the owner of twenty-two and one-half acres in Harbor Creek township, and also owns real estate in Cleveland, Ohio. The children of Mr. Wood's second marriage were as follows: George O. and Melvin R., both deceased; and Alfred E., of this sketch. The father of this family died in March, 1882, and the mother, November 28, 1897.

Alfred E. Wood, of this biography, has always lived on the original family homestead which at first consisted of only fifty acres and upon the death of his father became also the owner of seventy acres in Greenfield township. At the death of the elder Mr. Wood, Alfred E. and his brothers purchased the interest of the other heirs and at their death the first named became sole proprietor of the family home-

stead, then consisting of one hundred and twenty acres. In 1905, he added one hundred acres to the original tract, making his estate two hundred and twenty acres. This productive and valuable land he devotes to general farming and to dairying and the raising of live stock and horticulture. He has a vineyard of eight acres and his live stock operations consist chiefly of the raising of Clyde draft horses. Mr. Wood is one of the progressive and substantial farmers of Erie county, but has never seen fit to embark in marital or domestic life. In politics he is a Republican but has never sought or held public office.

JOHN HALL GRAY, who owns a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres in Harbor Creek township, devoted both to general operations and to dairying, is a representative of a family which has been established in that section of Erie county for more than sixty years. Born at Ripley, Chautauqua county, New York, April 22, 1846, he is a son of Thomas and Esther D. (Hall) Gray, the father being a native of County Leitrim, Ireland, born September 10, 1815, and the mother, a New Hampshire lady, born on the 18th of March, 1805. The grandparents were John and Alice Gray and Amasa and Alice (Dexter) Hall. It is stated that the father of Alice Dexter was placed on board an English war ship during the Revolutionary war and was starved to death.

In 1844 Thomas Gray, the father, came from Ireland and settled in North East township as a farmer. His marriage to Esther Hall occurred March 18, 1845, his wife's parents having settled in North East township in 1823, on a one hundred acre farm which was partly timbered. The young couple removed to Ripley, New York, where they resided for a time and then returned and lived for about a year on the homestead owned by the Hall family. In1847 they removed to the southern part of Harbor Creek township, first occupying the John Hinton farm, a year later making their home in a log cabin on the land which was purchased from E. Wright. This place consisted of thirty-three acres to which he later added seventeen acres, making the entire tract sixty acres. The husband then cleared and improved the land until he had made a comfortable homestead for his family. In 1859 he also purchased an additional fifty acres from a Dr. Wallace, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and at his death December 23, 1896, was in comfortable circumstances. His wife died November 12, 1887.

John H. Gray, of this biography, was the only child of the family, received a district school education and afterward married and bought a tract of fifty-four acres from his uncle, Asa Hall, the farm being located one mile north of the old home place. To this he added from time to time until he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-two acres of fine, cultivated land, six miles south of Lake Erie. The buildings are substantial and convenient and adapted both to general farming and dairying, in the latter branch from twenty-five to thirty cows being employed. He has also made a profitable specialty of grass cultivation.

Mr. Gray married Miss Lucia Ann Richmond, a native of Montgomery county, New York, born at Mindenville, and a daughter of William H. and Leatitia (Fancher) Richmond, both natives of the Empire state. Her grandparents, Harry Richmond and Isaac Butler, were both natives of Buffalo, New York. Mr and Mrs. John H.

C. H. Collman.

Gray became the parents of the following children: Thomas Willis, a resident of Erie, Pennsylvania; Mary Alice, now Mrs. H. B. Thorton, residing at Little Hope, Greenfield township; Nellie Esther, who married Henry Petrie of Harbor Creek township; Fannie S., now Mrs. H. F. Merket; Ida, who died as an infant of only one month; Eva, Mrs. Charles Calkins, of Erie, Pennsylvania; Florence L., who became Mrs. Logan Hull of west Greene township; James Earl, living in Harbor Creek township; and Burton R. and Bessie Edith Gray, living at home. Both the parents and members of the family are earnest workers in the Methodist Episcopal church in Wesleyville. The early progenitors were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and this entitles Mr. Gray and children to become members of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution.

Conrad Henry Collman. The manufacturing interests of Erie are known throughout a wide range inasmuch as it has a number of lucrative industries, this being a portion of the Keystone state which ranks high from a commercial standpoint. Among the various manufactories which add to the financial and industrial worth of the Bay city is one owned and operated by Conrad Henry Collman, who is engaged in making a high grade of instruments and other appliances used in optical lines. He is one of the foremost opticians of the city, whose forward and enterprising spirit has added much to the city's business life and established an enterprise which is not only a source of ample remuneration in regard to himself but which is numbered among the concerns which go to make Erie one of Pennsylvania's industrial centers. Mr. Collman is a native of the fatherland, born in Hesse-Cassel, September 27, 1876, the son of Christian and Catherine Elizabeth (Gilfert) Collman. His parents were also natives of the place of his birth, where his mother now resides and where his father entered into rest in 1881.

While a lad, amid the scenes and environments of his native land, Conrad Henry Collman was reared and there received his early educational advantages in the government schools, in which he remained until fourteen years of age. In those tender years he embarked for the United States and, arriving in the new world about the year 1890, joined his three brothers who had located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, several years prior to his coming. Two brothers remained in their native land. Upon arriving in this county Mr. Collman became employed in stores, working in various capacities for about three years, while at the same time he attended night school in order to acquire a knowledge of the English language and otherwise perfect himself in those branches requisite to enable him to pursue a business career. In 1893 he entered upon an apprenticeship, in order to learn the profession of an optician, in the establishment of D. T. Reed, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. With him he remained for sometime, all the while evidencing a natural aptness for that line of work and, upon leaving Pittsburg, he came to this city, where he became associated with J. V. Yelgerhouse, a manufacturing optician, with whom he remained until the spring of 1895. In the meantime he had perfected himself as an optician and, deeming that he had not only the ability but also the capital to conduct business on his own account, in that year he purchased the optical department of the plant operated by George A. Disque and entered upon the enterprise for himself. While learning the business he had been very economical, mastering his wants and keeping them within small demands, so that he had

accumulated quite a sum of money when his desire to engage in business on his own account materialized and, upon becoming the proprietor of an establishment for himself, he at once introduced modern machinery and equipped a laboratory which is second to none in the country in its completeness, having all apparatus necessary to the business. From the onset Mr. Collman met with eminent success, his excellent training and masterly skill rapidly bringing him before the public so that now he ranks among the leading opticians not only of the city of Erie but of the state of Pennsylvania. His reputation, judged by the class of work he turns out, has long been established and he executes fine work for the foremost oculists of the city and as well for many within a wide range of this place. He deserves great credit for the strides he has made in his upward movements inasmuch as his success and prosperity are due solely to his own exertions and it has been by patience and perseverance re-enforced by hard labor and constant application that he is where he stands today as one of the leading business and professional leaders in this part of the state.

Mr. Collman wedded Miss Jessie Sternberg, a daughter of J. L. Sternburg and the couple are living happily amid the environment of a cultured and refined home. The marriage has been blessed by one son, Richard Henry, and one daughter Catherine Elizabeth. Mr. Collman is largely interested in the general welfare of the city and is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and of the Erie Business Men's Exchange, in both of which organizations he is active and a factor in all movements proposed for the general betterment of business, commercial and industrial conditions. Aside from his immediate business his finances have enabled him to ramify somewhat and he is connected with the First National Bank of this city, of which he is vice-president. Mr. Collman's business methods have always been on the basis of honesty and this trait of character together with the fact that he is also a man of exceptional energy as well as ability accounts for his rapid rise in the business world and constitute the reasons for his being able to maintain himself in his present favorable commercial standing. He is highly respected by all who know him, his social qualities having won him a wide circle of friends, while as a business man he is highly esteemed and numbered among the foremost commercial factors of the city.

George William Cass, well known in Harbor Creek township for many years for his prominent connection with agriculture and woolen manufacturing, comes of a pioneer family established in this locality in 1840. He is a native of the township named, born March 23, 1855, and is a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Smith) Cass, both natives of England. His grandparents were John and Hannah (Pratt) Cass and Ephraim and Ann (Lee) Smith, and they all resided a few miles distant from the town of Leeds, England, although while living in that locality they never became acquainted. The paternal grandparents, Cass, emigrated to Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1840. The grandfather worked in that locality for many years as a cabinetmaker and as assistant to local ship builders. A few years later he removed to Harbor Creek township, purchased a farm and subsequently became proprietor of a woolen mill, these two vocations occupying his time until his death in 1874 at the age of seventy-four years. It appears that the mill was not entirely devoted to the manufacture of woolen goods, as the proprietor was a rabid Abolitionist and used his building

as a station for the "Underground Railway" just before and during the Civil war. While the negroes were under his protection he not only secured them in his wool, but took the trouble to teach its younger members according to the best of his ability and opportunity. The maternal grandfather, Smith, passed a portion of his time prior to the Civil war with surveyors in Louisiana, but finally made his permanent home in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. In that locality he also engaged in the woolen business and started the first pottery in that region, his little plant having since developed into a very flourishing manufactory.

The parents of George W. married in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where his father spent a number of years identified with the woolen business. Subsequently the father removed to a farm owned by his wife's father near Rock Island, Illinois, and besides conducting this farm he also operated a woolen mill. He was thus engaged for three years when he returned to Harbor Creek township to assist his father in his woolen mill and in his agricultural enterprise. The father died February 26, 1904, his wife having passed away March 5, 1882. The former was a remarkably public spirited man and able citizen and was for years considered one of the most respected men of Harbor Creek township. He held most of the township offices and took an especially deep interest in the improvement of the public thoroughfares of the county, holding the office of road commissioner of the township for four terms. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cass became the parents of the following four children: Ephraim E., died February 9, 1899; John S., died at the age of seven years; George W., of this sketch, and Mary E., now Mrs. George Roberts, of Harbor Creek township.

George W. Cass, of this sketch, obtained his education in the district schools of Harbor Creek township and spent his boyhood days with his parents until his marriage, August 30, 1881, to Miss Luella Cole, a native of Warren county, Illinois, and a daughter of Samuel S. and Clarinda (Axtell) Cole. The father was a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Mercer county. Both grandfathers, John Cole of Maine, and Joseph Axtell, were of prominent Puritan stock. For three years after his marriage Mr. Cass resided on his father's farm and then removed to Greenfield township and purchased a farm there in partnership with his brother Ephraim, making it his homestead for fifteen years. He then returned to Harbor Creek township, where he now owns one hundred and twenty acres of well improved and valuable land, as well as fifty acres in Greenfield township, devoting his farms both to the raising of crops and live stock. Besides being a successful farmer, he is known as a leader in the work of the Methodist church, of which he is both a steward and trustee, and as an ardent and influential Prohibitionist. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cass have been as follows: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Alfred King, of Greenfield township; Elsworth A., a resident of Harbor Creek township; Luella, Mrs. Ralph Burgess of North East, Pennsylvania; and Herbert Lee and Harold John, both at home.

John Baptist Helferline, a well-known farmer of Harbor Creek township, is still residing on the old homestead which his father estab-

lished many years ago. Born in Fulton county, New York, February 18, 1856, he is a son of George N. and Anna Margaret (Stramm) Helterline. His parents are both natives of Bavaria, Germany, his father emigrating to Fulton county, New York, in 1850, and his mother coming in the following year. They were married May 20, 1852, and at once settled on a farm in Fulton county where they resided until 1858. Mr. Helterline then sold the property and removed with his wife and family to Mill Creek township, this county, continuing to be a resident of that section for about thirty years. He then settled in Harbor Creek township and bought the fifty-acre farm, which he cultivated and improved until his death July 27, 1891. His decease was the result of injuries received from a runaway team. His widow has since resided with her son, John B., and daughter, Edith Catherine. Mrs. George N. Helterline was born November 5, 1829, and considering that she has nearly reached her eightieth year she is a lady whose faculties and physical energies are remarkably preserved.

John B. Helterline was the third of a family of thirteen children, six of whom are still living. He has always made his home with his parents, has never married and is a remarkable example of filial faithfulness and affection. Since his father's death he has actively operated the farm. In politics he is a Democrat and is an earnest member of St. Mary's Catholic church of Erie.

Edgar Wilber Capwell. Bearing lightly his burden of nearly four score years, Edgar Wilber Capwell holds an honored position among the venerable and highly respected residents of Corry, where he is now living retired from active pursuits, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil. A son of Washington Capwell, he was born November 25, 1829, in Sherburne, Chenango county, New York, coming from thrifty New England stock.

A native of Massachusetts, Washington Capwell left his ancestral home when young, going to Chenango county, New York, which was then near the frontier. Locating in Sherburne, he cleared a farm from the wilderness, and was there employed in tilling the soil a number of years. In 1837 he went to Orleans county, New York, accompanied by his wife and five children, making the removal with teams, the only means of transportation in those days, and taking with him all of his worldly effects. He made several stops at taverns along the way, thinking that easier than carrying provisions, and camping at night. Purchasing seven acres of land, lying ten miles east of Albion, he again began the pioneer labor of redeeming a farm from the forest, laboring successfully for a period of twenty years. Disposing then of his land, he came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, purchased fifty acres of forest-covered land in Wayne township. A log cabin stood upon the place, and a small garden spot had been cleared. After occupying the cabin for a few years, he built a substantial frame house, and there resided until his death. He married Sophia Aldrich, who was born in York state, and died on the home farm, in Wayne township. She reared five children, namely: Henry, Seth, Elizabeth, Edgar W., and James.

A lad of eight years when his parents removed to Orleans county, New York, Edgar W. Capwell remembers many of the incidents of the journey through the intervening wilderness. He was

early initiated into the mysteries of agriculture, but took naturally to mechanical pursuits. When a young man he sailed the lakes for three years, but at the time of his marriage settled at Oak Orchard Harbor, New York, which for six years was his abiding place. Coming then to Pennsylvania, Mr. Capwell purchased a tract of timbered land near his father's home, in Wayne township, and his father presented him with thirty acres, on which stood a log cabin. Assuming possession of the cabin, Mr. Capwell devoted his time and energies to the improvement of his estate, and as soon as he had his land under cultivation embarked in market gardening. When he first located in that township the site of Corry was used entirely for agricultural purposes, a part of the land being covered with native timber, the remainder having been placed under cultivation. The railroad had then been surveyed, but no rails laid. Mr. Capwell lived on his original farm for a quarter of a century, and since that time has bought and sold several different farms in the vicinity. Since retiring from active pursuits he has resided in Corry.

Mr. Capwell married, November 15, 1849, Matilda Jane Smith. She was born in Clarkson, Orleans county, New York, June 14, 1830, and died February 14, 1901. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Capwell, namely: Willis J., Mary Jane, Minnie, and Nora. Willis J. married Kittie McIntire, and they have one son, Archie. Mary J., wife of Eli Shoup, has three children, Clifford, Clement, and Hoyt. Minnie, wife of Edward Williams, has one child, Floyd. Nora, wife of C. Burt Wilcox, has one son, LeRoy. Mr. and Mrs. Capwell united when young with the United Brethren church, and brought up their family in the same religious faith.

Coyt O. Seymour. With the exception of one year spent in the west as a cattle herder, Coyt O. Seymour, of Waterford township, has passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits in this section of Erie county. He was born in the township named June 18, 1865, son of Elizabeth Seymour, who came from Connecticut with her parents at an early day and is now a resident of Waterford borough. The maternal grandfather, Junius, reared a family of four boys and four girls.

Coyt O. Seymour, of this review, was educated chiefly at the Waterford Academy, afterward taking a course in the Edinboro Normal School. He then went to Kansas where he spent a year as a cattle herder, then returning to Waterford township and purchasing a farm of sixty-seven acres, which he has since improved into an attractive and valuable property. On December 19, 1889, Mr. Seymour married Miss Viola Kilbane, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Turkington) Kilbane, who came from Ireland to Erie county. The father was born in 1822 and came to America in 1842. He was a farmer until a few years ago, when he retired in comfortable circumstances. The mother died in 1892. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Seymour are Charles Jesse, a student at the Waterford high school in the second year, and Pauline Elizabeth Seymour, also in school. Mr. Seymour is independent in political sentiments. He is a Mason, being a member of Lodge No. 425, and Lodge No. 974, I. O. O. F., and he has passed through the chairs.

Samuel Mahan. A son of old and widely known pioneers, Samuel Mahan, of Waterford township, is himself a retired farmer of substantial reputation who has also, during his active business career, been well known in the saw mill business. Born in Ireland, October 7, 1828, he is a son of Samuel and Jane Mahan, who came direct to Waterford township, this county, in June, 1831, before Samuel had reached his third year. Some years after the father purchased sixty acres, chiefly of timber land, which he was obliged to clear for a cultivated farm and a comfortable homestead, and before his death he made substantial additions to the original purchase. Upon this homestead three children were born and reared—Robert, Katherine Jane and David B. Mahan.

Samuel Mahan, of this review, was educated in the district schools of Waterford township and has given the bulk of his attention to the development of his farm interests, although for nine years he operated a saw mill in connection with them. He is now living in deserved and comfortable retirement on his fine farm of eighty acres, both a prosperous and honored member of the community. On October 31, 1861, Mr. Mahan married Miss Mary Catherine Smiley, daughter of John and Mary Smiley, also born in Ireland and early settlers of Erie county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mahan are as follows: Jessie Leona, who is now the wife of George Moore, and the mother of a daughter, Hortense; Blanche (deceased), who married William Smith; and Samuel L., whose wife was formerly Miss Ina Free.

James Steele Pollock. During many years James S. Pollock was closely associated with the history of Erie county, and he was a son of one of its earliest and most prominent pioneer residents, Capt. James Pollock. The latter, born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, was a son of Charles Pollock, who came to this country from Ireland previous to the year of 1750, and for some time his home was in Northumberland county. Capt. James Pollock was born in the year of 1769, and died in 1857. He was in the United States service at the time of General Wayne's treaty with the Indians in 1795, and coming to Erie county as a soldier he remained at Ft. LeBoeuf during the winter of 1797-98, returning in the following spring to Northumberland county. In 1800 he came again to LeBoeuf township in Erie county and located on the farm which is yet owned by his descendants, there conducting the public house well known in the early days as the "Half Way House," located between Erie and Meadville. He was also a surveyor and laid out most of the roads in LeBoeuf township during the formative period in its history. After the burning of the court house he prominently assisted to adjust the lines of lands to road formations, and from 1830 to 1833 was one of the three commissioners of the township, while from 1837 to 1838 he served as a delegate from Erie county to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention. Mr. Pollock married in 1801 Miss Mary Steele, who was born in 1781, supposedly in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William Steele, from Westmoreland county, this state, and she died in the year of 1829. In their family were eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, and the remaining six sons and four daughters lived to years of maturity.

James Steele Pollock, one of the eleven children, was born on his father's farm in LeBoeuf township in 1823, and he lived a life of usefulness and honor and died at a ripe old age in 1908, honored and revered wherever known. He married Mary J. Hamilton, whose father, Hugh Hamilton, was a prominent man in Waterford, and for a century and more the Hamilton family have been conspicuously identified with that community. Mrs. Pollock was born in 1828, and died on the 3d of January, 1894. Ten children were born to bless that union, but four died in infancy, as follows: Thomas, Mary Steele, Charlotte, and infant; the others are Georgia Anna, Jessie M., William S. Steele, Charles Hamilton, Hugh W., and Sallie P. Georgia Anna married G. S. Boyd, of Union City. Hugh W. married Miss Minnie McClellen, and they had four children, Hugh Steele, Charles (deceased), Margaret, and William. Charles H. married Miss Myrna Crowe and has two children, Robert S. and Elizabeth. Sallie P. wedded F. L. Arthurs, a resident of Crawford county. Both the McClellen and Crowe families were pioneers of Washington township, Erie county.

Charles Swan. Possessing great mechanical knowledge and ability, Charles Swan is actively identified with one of the leading industries of Corry, where as a skilled machinist he is carrying on a thriving business. A native of Sweden, he was born, October 24, 1852, in Stockholm, a city in which his father, Charles Swan Sr., first saw the light of this world. His great-grandfather Swan, a sea-faring man, born in either England or Wales, was at one time commander of a vessel sent out in pursuit of pirates, and was living in Bordeaux, France, when his son John, Mr. Swan's grandfather, was born. Returning with his parents from France to Sweden, their former home, John Swan spent many years as a sailor, following the sea during the earlier part of his life. He spent his last days, however, at Riddarsholm, Stockholm.

Receiving excellent educational advantages, Charles Swan Sr. became an expert civil and mechanical engineer, spending his entire life in his native city. He married Evaline Lindblod, who was born and bred in Southern Sweden, but spent her last years in Stockholm. She reared two children, August, who is a sailor; and Charles, the subject of this sketch.

After leaving school, Charles Swan followed the sea for a time, making several voyages with his brother. Having a natural taste for the mechanical arts, he soon gave up seafaring pursuits, and in 1868 came to the United States in search of congenial and remunerative employment. Locating in Chicago, Illinois, he worked in a carriage manufactory for a few months, after which he went first to St. Louis, then to New Orleans, subsequently visiting other points in the West and Southwest, making his home, however, in St. Louis until 1874. Turning his steps eastward in that year, he came to Corry, where for three years he was employed in different carriage and machine shops. Embarking in business on his own account in 1877, Mr. Swan has met with genuine success from the start, and is now known as one of the most capable and skillful machinists in the city, his patronage being large and lucrative. Mr. Swan married, in 1875, Margaret Worrick, who was born in Michigan. Her father, John Worrick, a native

of Hungary, married Doris Weaver, who was born in Germany. After coming to this country he worked at his trade of a blacksmith in Michigan for a long time, but afterward removed to Canada, where he spent his remaining years. Mrs. Swan died in 1901, leaving eight children, namely: Clara B., wife of Julius Faulhaber, of New York City; Harry M.; Hattie S.; Jessie M.; Lucy; John; Maude; and Walter.

Martin Luther Hiskey, a prosperous farmer of nearly thirty years' residence in Waterford township, was a native of Ohio, born at Lexington, son of Martin Luther and Iantha Hiskey. Although his parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, they spent most of their lives in Ohio. In 1881 Martin Luther, of this sketch, came from the Buckeye state and located in Erie county, where he has since resided as a progressive farmer of Waterford township.

In 1879 Mr. Hiskey wedded Miss Ellen J. Ring, a native of New York state and a daughter of Michael and Anna (Maher) Ring. Her parents emigrated from Ireland in 1855; first located in New York and after purchased a tract of thirty-five acres in Waterford township which the husband cultivated as a farm for a number of years. He finally bought a house and lot at Waterford station and there passed his last years. The deceased was an industrious and useful pioneer in many ways. His first house was a log cabin in the forest which he constructed himself, afterward clearing the land and fashioning the farm into a comfortable homestead for his family. He not only conducted his own affairs with credit, but was public spirited in every way and was especially prominent in the construction of the first railroad through Waterford.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Hiskey have been as follows: Anna May, May 5, 1880, who married Frederick Joseph Burns, October 21, 1901, and is now a resident of California and the mother of Helen, Frederick (who died at two years of age), and Paul Donald; and William Barnard Hiskey, born July 13, 1887. Mrs. Hiskey and her children are all members of the Catholic church at Waterford.

Adolph Boes, the proprietor of the Park Hotel at North East, is a native of the fatherland of Germany, born at Duesseldorf on the Rhine, December 8, 1865, the ninth born of the ten children of John and Christina (Lampenscherf) Boes. When he had attained the age of sixteen years young Boes left his parents' home to work in the iron works. When he was twenty-one he began a three years' service in the army, and at the expiration of his military term he returned to the iron works and was thus employed until he left his native land for the United States in 1892, and located in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the iron and steel works until 1897. Turning his attention then to the hotel business, he was the proprietor of the Fifth Avenue hotel at Monessen in Westmoreland county, this state, for four years, and then selling his interests there he moved to Monongahela City and purchased and conducted for eighteen months the Schire Oaks Brewery, which had a capacity of forty-five barrels of beer, ale and porter in a day, but this he sold later to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who desired the land for freight yards. Mr. Boes then re-

MRS. DORA E. BORSTORFF'S FAMILY

turned with his family to his old home in Germany, visiting the land of his birth for six months and then returning and locating at Duquesne, Pennsylvania, where he bought and conducted for eighteen months the Oliver Hotel, while from that time until the 28th of August, 1905, his home was at Mt. Pleasant in Westmoreland county. At that date he bought the Park Hotel in North East, and has since been its popular and efficient proprietor.

He married October 17, 1891, in Germany, Bertha Innhoven, a native daughter of that country, and their children are Josephine, Antonia, Alfred and Edward. The family are members of the St. Gregory's Catholic church. Mr. Boes is a Republican politically, and he was one of the organizers and is a deputy of the German Beneficial Union of United States, with headquarters in Pittsburg. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 751, of Duquesne, and of the Turners Singing Society of Duquesne, and since 1897 of the New York Life Insurance Company.

Mrs. Dora E. Borstorff. There is no agriculturist in Wayne township who has a more intelligent comprehension of the industry and science of modern dairying than the practical and able woman mentioned in the title to this sketch. Mrs. Borstorff has owned her valuable farm of one hundred acres since 1902, and devoted it to dairy purposes since 1905. Her twenty-two head of choice Jerseys furnish the dairy with one hundred and fifty quarts of milk daily, the product passing the most severe test for richness and purity. Both buildings and appliances are of the most modern type, both convenience and sanitary considerations being always in mind. Mrs. Borstorff not only has active supervision of all the operations of the farm, but presides over a commodious and beautiful home, being both a thorough dairy woman and a lady of sound and wide information.

Dora E. Thomas was born in Wayne township, this county, on May 18, 1851, and is a daughter of Oliver and Nancy L. (Button) Thomas. Her parents were natives of Madison county, New York, who came to Erie county in 1850. The father, who was a farmer, at once settled on the one-hundred-acre farm in Wayne township, which he occupied until his death in 1900. His wife had died in 1878, mother of Dora E., Flora L., Charles A., Nancy E., Orrin L., Lewis B. and five others, who are all deceased.

In 1871, at the age of twenty, Dora E. Thomas was united in marriage to Charles E. Borstorff. Her husband was a native of New Jersey, born October 21, 1844, and spent most of his life as a railroad man. He came to Erie county in 1868, but moved to Crawford county, where he died in February, 1889. Six children were born of this marriage, as follows: May, wife of Mr. Weber; Ferman, who died in 1903; Charles L., who married Miss Bertha Long; William O., who married Miss Lillian White (died August 26, 1908), and is the father of two daughters, Pearley Fern, and Ruby Irene and is now living with his mother assisting her in the dairy business; Sadie H., who is the wife of C. E. Munn and Bertha L., now Mrs. David Benzink.

Willis Camp, of North East township, is one of the successful horticulturists in the great fruit growing country of Erie county, Pennsylvania. He is a native of Chautauqua county, New York, born Feb. 26, 1864, son of Orin and Lucy Malinda (Sawyer) Camp, the

father being born in Owego, Tioga county, New York and his mother in Greenfield, Hillsboro county, Vermont. As his grandparents, John and Louisa (Hewitt) Camp, were natives respectively of Vermont and Ohio, he comes of some of the most substantial famlies of New England and the middle west. His parents were married in Owego and his father spent many years in that locality engaged in farming and carpentering, removing in 1853 to Ripley, Chautauqua county, New York. In the fall of 1864 he disposed of his business and purchased a farm in North East township, this county, where he spent the balance of his life in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring March 3, 1907. His wife, who was born September 23, 1820, still lives on the old homestead, in North East township, with her daughter Julia, who is the widow of William Cluxton, a soldier of the Civil war. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Orin Camp were: Marvin, who is supposed to have died in South America; Julia, already mentioned; Mrs. Martha L. Robinson, who now resides in North East township, this county; Orin, Jr., of Owego, New York; and Willis, of this sketch.

During his earlier career as a farmer, the father became acquainted with the young John D. Rockefeller, who in latter years became well known to the people of this country. He always insisted that Mr. Rockefeller earned his first fifty cents while in his employ so that in the advance of the oil king the elder Mr. Camp considered that he had somewhat of an interest. The great-grandfather of Willis Camp, Asa by name, was a soldier in the Continental army and was one of the party detailed to assist in the hanging of the British spy, Major Andre. In common with his companions he not only witnessed the tragedy with moist eyes, but it fell to his lot to assist in the digging of the grave of the unfortunate British officer. Towards the close of his service Mr. Camp was commissioned as colonel in the Continental army.

Willis Camp, of this sketch, resided with his parents until the death of his father, his marriage to Miss Bertha Covey, occurring December 24, 1895. Mr. Camp's wife is a native of North East township and a daughter of Levi and Clara (Colby) Covey. The children of their union are: Ralph W., born September 6, 1899; Maisie J., born December 11, 1901; and Reta B., born August 26, 1905. Mr. Camp's residence is one of the prettiest homesteads in this part of the country, consisting of ninety-six acres of fruit land, fifteen acres of which are devoted to grapes, and ten acres devoted to the culture of peaches, plums and berries. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of Grape City Lodge. In politics he is a Democrat. He cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland—a man whose name will ever be bright in American history.

Orin Camp, whose death occurred March 3, 1907, on the old homestead in North East township, which he had occupied for more than forty-three years, had passed more than four score years and ten in this world which had been so good to him, because he had been so kind to it. His faithful and Christian widow still survives him, surrounded by countless evidences of their domestic happiness which extended over a period of nearly sixty-nine years. Four years her husband's junior, the two were school mates together in the little

district school at Owego, New York, and the affection which then sprung up in their childish breasts developed into the love of sturdy manhood and womanhood, and was mellowed and purified in the long passage of the years. It is seldom that Providence has vouchsafed so great a happiness to be continued over such a span of time.

Orin Camp was the son of John and Louisa Camp, and was born at Owego, Tioga county, New York, on the 5th of August, 1816. His father was a Vermonter and his mother's people Ohio pioneers. Early in life he became a carpenter and joiner, and erected many homes both in his home locality and Erie county. Orin Camp received his education in his native town, where he met Lucy M. Sawyer as one of his school mates. The little girl had been born at Greenfield, Vermont, September 23, 1820, but when quite young had been brought to Owego by her parents. They were married August 1, 1838, and lived fourteen years at Owego, removing in 1853 to Chautauqua county, New York, and in 1864 to the farm in North East township, which was their only homestead in Erie county.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Orin Camp and among their neighbors at Owego were the parents of John D. Rockefeller. The Camp children and John D. were naturally thrown together and became quite intimate, both as school mates and playmates. Even in his early boyhood it was evident that the latter was "cut out for business." He was shrewd, bright, active and "always planning some big undertaking," Mr. Camp was wont to relate. He also stamped him as a brave boy and a natural leader, and told a story of how his oldest son, Marvin and young John D. were skating on the Susquehanna river and a smaller comrade broke through the ice, the two boldly coming to his rescue at the risk of their own lives. But there is a fact of family history which is even of more interest than that the great old magnate was a playmate of the Camp children, and that is the connection of Asa Camp, Orin's grandfather, with the untimely fate of the gallant Major Andre, the British spy. A faithful soldier in the Continental army, the representative of the Camp family was not only detailed to assist in the hanging of the British officer, but to assist in digging his grave. The execution was witnessed by a large crowd, many of whom shed tears when the young victim of military necessity walked fearlessly to his death. The five children mentioned as the offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Camp were as follows: Marvin, now deceased; Julia, who became Mrs. Cluxton and was long the housekeeper for the aged couple; Martha L., who married a Mr. Robinson and lives in North East; Orin Camp, Jr., of Owego, New York, and Willis Camp, whose biography appears on preceding pages.

William Wallace Lee, of Waterford township, is a young farmer of the progressive type who thoroughly believes not only in practical experience but in a scientific training for his chosen calling. He is a native of the township in which he now resides, born August 15, 1868, a son of William and Jeanette (Gourley) Lee. His father was a native of Canada who came to Waterford township at an early day and purchased the one hundred and sixty acre farm now owned by William W. It was then, however, thickly covered with timber, which the father cleared away as a necessary step to cultivating and

improving his farm and it was upon this homestead that he passed the last years of his life, dying in 1899. He acquired a substantial standing as a farmer and as a citizen of activity in local public affairs, serving for many years as a member of the township school board. His wife died in 1908.

William W. Lee, of this sketch, laid the foundation of his education in the public schools of his native township and afterward attended the Waterford Academy and Clarke's Business College, of Erie, Pensylvania. After this varied and thorough training he entered the Pennsylvania State University and there pursued a complete creamery course. At its completion he returned to the parental farm where he has since lived, thoroughly equipped as a farmer, business man and a manufacturer of creamery products. In politics he is a Republican, and has been called to the public service in such offices as those of township assessor and auditor.

In December, 1894, Mr. Lee married Miss Emma Griswold, daughter of L. F. and Phoebe (Fish) Griswold, both natives of Edinboro, this county. His wife passed away, after a short illness, on the 3rd of December, 1906, and was the devoted mother of four children, Mildred, William, Harold and Emma, the last named dying in infancy. The surviving children are living at home, attending school under their father's care. At the time of her death, which so saddened the community, Mrs. Griswold was only thirty-four years of age. She was prominent in church and charitable work, a member of Waterford Grange, and a lady of sweet and wholesome influence. The earthly loss to her husband and children was the bitterest sorrow known to man, as her wifehood and motherhood were ideal. She also left a mother, two sisters and a brother, who had the comfort of those even nearer to her—that she had consecrated her life to high duties and lofty ideals.

William H. Crabb. A native of England and possessed of the substantial traits of his countrymen, William H. Crabb is a prosperous farmer and horticulturist of Harbor Creek township, and has been a resident of Erie county for nearly forty years. He was born on the Isle of Jersey, on the 19th of June, 1846, son of John and Ann (Collins) Crabb, both of whom were natives of Cornwall. The father was born October 10, 1817, and the mother, September 25th of the same year, their marriage occurring March 12, 1836. John Crabb was a tailor by trade, and after moving to the Isle of Jersey raised ten children. When William H. was twelve years of age the father emigrated to Canada, locating at Willowdale, eight miles from the city of Toronto. There he remained for a year, working at his trade, when he sent for the other members of his family, who arrived at Toronto, after an ocean voyage of thirty-two days on a sailing vessel, on the 24th of May, 1859. This was quite an undertaking, for a woman with ten children to make the trip across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel of those days. But the Crabb family arrived in good health and found the father so happy and busy at his work that he could not promise to make a suit of clothes in less than four weeks. It will be remembered that there were no sewing machines at that period. William H. and his elder brother assisted their father at his trade and within the following four years two more children were born into the family,

making eight girls and four boys altogether. The head of this growing household decided that the family prospects would be brighter on a farm than in a tailor shop, and as the Canadian government was selling timber land at one dollar per acre to actual settlers, he purchased two hundred acres in Carden township (one hundred miles north of Toronto), cleared a small tract, built a log house and moved everybody and everything to the new homestead.

When William H. Crabb thus settled in the Canadian forest he was a sturdy youth of seventeen, and has a lively recollection of the wolves howling around his rude home, of the fearless deer coming to feed in the little clearing around the cabin, and of the panic caused in the family circle by the foray of a big black bear into the Crabb hog pen. When the family first came into that part of Canada the nearest postoffice was nine miles away. It was twenty miles to the grist mill, and the round trip consumed two days. Lindsey, thirty-five miles distant, was the nearest grain market, and it took three days to go there, dispose of the grain raised on the home farm, do the necessary trading and reach home again. Those who have ever traveled over corduroy roads through cedar swamps will understand why these trips were unusually slow, when it is known that the family wagon was obliged to bump over a number of miles of these thoroughfares. While the first year's grain was being threshed the father met with a serious accident which made his right arm useless for some time. As the machine was run by eight or ten horses, a neighbor had combined his animals with those owned by Mr. Crabb and also sent over his boy to assist in the threshing. The youth was driving the horses, the grain had all been threshed and Mr. Crabb was sweeping the loose grain around the cylinder with a handful of straw, when the youth jumped from the platform to unhitch the team. His foot slipped between the cog wheels, the sole and heel were ripped from his boot, he gave a sharp cry and Mr. Crabb turned around to see what was the trouble. As he did so the cylinder caught the leather glove on his right hand and drew in his arm up to the elbow, crushing and wrenching it so badly that it was useless for an entire year. As William was the oldest son at home now, the heaviest burden fell upon him, and as the family was in rather poor circumstances, after the year's crop was in the ground, he started out to find work.

This was rather an unfavorable period in which to seek one's fortune in Canada, since the country was full of refugees from the States who had crossed the line to escape service in the Civil war, many of them even wearing their uniforms. After tramping through the country for some ninety miles the young man found work at nine dollars a month, which sum was increased to ten dollars the following year. He then returned home to reside upon the Canadian farm for seven years, during which time he cleared about forty acres of solid timber, and, as there was no sale for logs in those days, he burned them on the ground. Naturally, he tired of this unprofitable labor, and while on a visit to two of his brothers-in-law at Greenfield, Pennsylvania, who were both running saw mills, he obtained work from one of the proprietors, Adolphus Prindle, his duties being chiefly the driving of oxen. Returning to his home in the fall of 1869 he induced his father and family to move to Greenfield, all making the journey by rail with the exception of William H., who drove

the family horses from Canada to their Pennsylvania destination. Nine days were occupied in the trip, which was made partly by sleigh and partly by wagon, both vehicles being taken for emergencies. The sleighing proved good until within a mile of Hamilton, and after staying there over night Mr. Crabb put his wagon together and resumed his journey by this means. At this point he had made one hundred and fifty miles of the three hundred, and the balance of the journey proved smooth wheeling, Greenfield being reached about a week after the arrival of the other members of the family. The parents finally located in Erie, where they both died.

Mr. Crabb, of this sketch, first rented a farm in Greenfield, residing with his brother-in-law from 1870 until January 1, 1871, when he married Miss Sarah Miranda Pierce, daughter of Jonathan and Philanda (Wright) Pierce, both natives of Erie county. Mrs. Crabb was herself born in Harbor Creek township in 1852. They lived on rented farms for about four years, when they purchased a homestead in Greenfield, residing on that for some six years and then buying the farm in Harbor Creek township, of which he is still the proprietor. Mr. Crabb has since been engaged in general farming and the raising of fruit, and now holds about fifty acres of the original sixty. He has not only succeeded in placing himself in comfortable circumstances, but has been honored by election to various local offices, having already served as school director for three years and as road commissioner for six years. In religion he is a Presbyterian. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crabb, as follows: William H., who married the daughter of Jehu Mead and resides in Harbor Creek township; Anna, now Mrs. E. E. Cochran, residing in Greenfield township; John, who married the daughter of Buel G. Thornton and lives in the same township; and Walter, who is at home.

Clement L. Darrow is a member of one of the best known families of Erie county, and he resides on his valuable homestead one mile east of the village of Edinboro. He was born in Union township of Erie county, December 26, 1858, a son of Solon M. and Emiline (Negus) Darrow, and a grandson of David Darrow, whose name is recorded among the earliest pioneer residents and farmers of Union township, as is also that of his son Solon.

Clement L. Darrow remained in the parental home until he had attained his twenty-first year, in the meantime attending the district schools and assisting his father in the work of the farm. Starting then on an independent business career he worked for others for a time and also attended for two years the state normal school at Edinboro. After his marriage he located on his present estate of one hundred and thirty acres, where he has rebuilt most of the old buildings and has improved his farm until it is now one of the valuable homesteads of Washington township, and there he is engaged in general farming and dairying. He has a small creamery on his farm for his own private use. Upon the organization of the First National Bank of Edinboro, he became one of the original stockholders, and during the past two years has served as the president of the bank.

Mr. Darrow married in December of 1883, Miss Lillian F. Perry, a daughter of Alonzo Perry, and they have one daughter, Lucile. In politics he is allied with the Republicans, and both he and his wife are members of the Advent Christian church at Edinboro. Mr. Darrow is one of the best known agriculturists of Washington township, and is honored and respected wherever known.

J. Ross Raymond. No citizen of Erie county enjoys in a greater degree the confidence and high esteem of his associates and neighbors than does J. Ross Raymond, now living retired at North East. He was born in the township of Greenfield October 19, 1842, a son of Silas and Sarah (Smith) Raymond, natives respectively of Massachusetts and of New York, and on the maternal side he is a grandson of James Smith, also of the Empire state.

The family home was established in Erie county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1830 by Silas Raymond, who took up his abode in Greenfield township and there worked as a shoemaker. Before coming to this state he had married in New York one of the commonwealth's native daughters, Sarah Smith, and they had lived both at Albany and in Auburn, that state.

J. Ross Raymond was the sixth born of their twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and he remained at home with his parents until his enlistment for service in the Civil war October 31, 1861, being assigned to Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and to the Army of the Potomac. With his command he took part in many of the hard fought battles of the war, including the engagement of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, on the 20th of July, 1864, where he received a gun shot wound in the ankle. This wound proved so serious that the limb had to be amputated between the knee and the foot, and in this and many other ways he suffered untold hardships as a true and loyal soldier.

Returning then to his parents' home Mr. Raymond remained with them until his marriage, and after this important event in his life's history he was a merchant for two and a half years, selling out at the close of that period to become a hotel proprietor in Concord township, Erie county. After three years in the hotel business he again sold and this time turned his attention to auctioneering and the selling of goods throughout this vicinity. During all these years he has also been prominently identified with the public life of his community, and as a representative of the Republican party served as a member of the assembly during the years of 1893, 1895 and 1907. At the present time he is serving his third term as a justice of the peace and his second term as a township supervisor of North East township.

On the 24th of January, 1866, Mr. Raymond was united in marriage to Mary Jane Donaldson, a native of Venango township, Erie county, and a daughter of William and Hannah (Yost) Donaldson, who were also born in Erie county. The only child of this union is Flora M., the wife of William L. Caswell, of Portland, Maine. Mrs. Raymond died on the 31st of May, 1871, and in December of 1882 he married Olive V. Coburn, from Greenfield, Erie county, and a daughter of Stephen and Susan (Wells) Coburn, natives of the state

of New York. This wife is also deceased, dying August 16, 1905, and since that time Mr. Raymond has resided at North East.

Frank L. Heath. Numbered among the wide-awake, enterprising business men of Corry, is Frank L. Heath, who is actively identified with the milling interests of this section of Erie county, having his grist mill furnished with the most modern and up-to-date equipments. He was born, December 23, 1861, in Concord township, Erie county, where his father, Charles R. Heath, also was born, his birth occurring April 29, 1836. He is of New England stock, the great-grandfather, Jesse Heath Sr., having been as far as known, a life-long resident of Massachusetts, being a descendant of one of five brothers who came from England to America in early colonial times.

Jesse Heath Jr., Mr. Heath's grandfather, was born and brought up in Massachusetts. He was of a roving disposition, venturesome and ambitious, and when young started westward in search of a new location. Settling in Erie county, Pennsylvania, he took up a tract of forest-covered land in Concord township, improved a farm, and for several years was there employed in tilling the soil. Not altogether satisfied, however, he again started towards the West, and after spending a few months in Illinois went to Clarke county, Iowa, where he purchased land, and lived for seven years. Returning to Concord township, he again resided on his farm for a few years, and then with a granddaughter whom he had brought up, and her husband, he went to Kentucky with a view of locating. Not finding things to his liking, the two couples continued their journey to Nebraska, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their four score years of life with their granddaughter. His wife, whose maiden name was Fanny Sweet, was born, probably, in York state, her father, James Sweet, having been a pioneer of Chautauqua county, locating near the town of Panama. He subsequently sold the farm that he there improved, and both he and his wife, Sarah (Clark) Sweet, spent their closing years in Jamestown, New York, at the home of their son, Maxon Sweet. Both lived to be upwards of ninety years old, and both died the same day and hour. Of the union of Jesse and Fanny (Sweet) Heath, three children were born and reared, as follows: Louisa, Jane, and Charles R.

Receiving his education in the public schools, Charles R. Heath spent his early life on the home farm, assuming the whole charge of its management during his father's absence from home. He continued farming for a number of years after his marriage, while thus engaged making a specialty of pressing and shipping hay, an occupation to which he afterwards devoted his entire time for awhile. He subsequently built a saw mill on Hair creek, four miles from Corry, and was there engaged in the manufacture of lumber until his plant was burned. Erecting then a grist mill in Corry, he operated, with his son, until his death, January 1, 1893. On October 19, 1855, he married Amy M. McCray, who was born in Concord township, Erie county, a daughter of John McCray, a native of Westmoreland county. Her grandfather, James McCray, was born in Scotland, and on coming to the United States lived first in Westmoreland county, from there coming to Erie county, and becoming one of the first householders of Concord township. At that time, and for many

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years thereafter, there were neither railroads nor canals in the state, and no mills nearer than Pittsburg. Securing a tract of timbered land, he built a rude log cabin in the wilderness, and on the farm which he improved, raised not only grain, hay and vegetables, but sheep and flax, his wife in the meantime carding, spinning and weaving from wool and linen the homespun with which she clothed her family. He married first, Ellen Townley, who was born in America, of French parentage, and she was the mother of his son John. Succeeding to the occupation of his father, John McCray began life for himself as a farmer, living first in the log cabin which he erected on a piece of wild land that he purchased. He was very successful in his undertakings, at the time of his death, when but fifty years old, owning a well improved farm of two hundred acres. John McCray married Sarah Blakeslee, who was born in York state, but was brought up in Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, where her parents, David and Betsey (Birch) Blakeslee, were pioneer settlers. She died at the age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Charles R. Heath still resides in Corry, having a pleasant and attractive home on Franklin street. She is the mother of three children, namely: Lillian, wife of James E. Morgan; Marion, wife of George W. Knowlton; and Frank L., the special subject of this sketch.

Acquiring a practical education in the public schools of Corry, Frank L. Heath became associated with his father in business, first as a lumber manufacturer and dealer, and afterwards as a miller. Succeeding to the ownership of the mill, Mr. Heath has since carried on the business with characteristic enterprise and success. The mill, located on Center street, is amply furnished with the most approved modern machinery for grinding feed, and for the manufacture of buckwheat flour, being one of the finest equipped plants of the kind in this part of the state. Mr. Heath married, May 5, 1892, Carrie A. Tuttle. She was born in Corry, a daughter of William and Roxie Tuttle.

Edwin Mills, was born in the city of New York February 18, 1831, but coming to Erie county during an early period in his life he continued actively identified with many of its interests, a leader in the formative period of its history. On first coming to the county in 1858 he located at Erie and for several years was a conductor on the run between Erie and Cleveland, although in former years he had been a carpenter. Soon after his marriage, which occurred in the year of 1861, he returned to Elmira, New York, but after seven years there came again to Pennsylvania and for several years thereafter followed engineering. Coming then to Fairview he worked at the carpenter and millwright's trade until within about eight years of his death, when he bought a general store and continued as a Fairview merchant until his labors were ended, his death occurring in March of 1904.

Mr. Mills wedded in 1861 Miss Jennie Warner, who was born in the township of Fairview, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Sturgeon) Warner. Her grandfather, Arnold Warner, was a Revolutionary soldier and was one of the first residents of Erie county, locating at Greenfield, near North East, and there he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. James Warner, born in Rome, New York, came to this county with his father when a boy, and early in life became a hotel keeper and thus continued actively identified with the business life of this community

until within the last fifteen years of his life, living thereafter on a farm. He was the proprietor of the first hotel in Fairview. Mr. Warner married Miss Elizabeth Sturgeon, a daughter of another of the early pioneers of Fairview township, Jeremiah Sturgeon who was born near Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Soon after his marriage to Jane Moorehead in 1800 he made a trip to Erie county, and deciding to locate here permanently returned home in the fall and in the following spring brought his wife with him and spent the remainder of his life here as a farmer. Mrs. Mills is the last of the once prominent Sturgeon family in Erie county.

In politics Mr. Mills gave an active support to the principles of the Republican party, and at one time he served as a member of the council of Fairview. He held membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and with the Masonic fraternity. He stood among the respected and highly esteemed citizens of Erie county, where his friends were legion, and where his genial courtesy and kindly bearing won the confidence which his sterling integrity ever maintained.

John Lewis Hatch. A man of ability, push and enterprise, John Lewis Hatch holds a place of prominence among the valued and highly esteemed citizens of Corry, where, in addition to devoting much of his time to his agricultural interests, he has served his fellowmen in various offices of trust and responsibility. As a member of the city council he was a warm supporter of all measures tending to promote the welfare of the people, and as mayor of Corry filled the chair most acceptably to all concerned. His service as a member of the school board was highly appreciated, and one of the Corry schools has been named in his honor. A son of Elisha Hatch, he was born, December 14, 1831, in Springwater, Livingston county, New York, of New England ancestry. His grandfather, Jonathan Hatch, was born in Connecticut, where he spent the greater part of his life, although he died, it is thought, in New York state. Of his twelve children, all grew to years of maturity, married and had families, and the youngest son lived to the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Born in Tolland, Connecticut, Elisha Hatch was there bred and educated. Migrating when a young man to New York, he spent a short time in Cherry Valley, Otsego county, from there, after his marriage, pushing westward to Springwater, Livingston county, where he lived for awhile. Going then to Farmersville, Cattaraugus county, he remained there until 1841, when he decided to come to Erie county, Pennsylvania. Locating in Wayne township, he bought a partly improved farm, on which stood a house and barn, and had one hundred acres of land in cultivation. There being at that time no railroads in Western Pennsylvania, the farmers teamed their lumber and surplus farm products to Erie, where they traded for groceries and household supplies. Whenever they wanted cash, these farmers used to take shingles and lumber down Hare and Broken Straw creeks to the Alelgheny and Ohio rivers as far as Cincinnati, where they received ten dollars a thousand, while in Pittsburg it was worth but seven dollars for the same amount. Continuing his work as a lumberman and farmer, Elisha Hatch remained on the farm until his death, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Sylvia Edson, who was born in Connecticut, a daughter of Lewis Edson. She died

before he did, leaving six children, as follows: Adelia, Edwin, Charles, Sylvia, John Lewis, and Harriet.

When John Lewis Hatch, a boy of ten years, came with his parents to Erie county to live much of the land included within the corporate limits of Corry was covered with timber, the cleared land being in farms, and when the city was laid out it was called the "City of Stumps." Acquiring his early knowledge of books in the district schools, he subsequently continued his studies at Randolph Academy, afterwards attending Cortland Academy three years, and in 1860 being graduated from Albion College. Beginning then a professional career, Mr. Hatch taught school a number of terms, being one of the first school teachers in Corry. In 1861 he bought, for farming purposes, ten acres of land that are now included in the city of Corry. Most of the timber had been removed before the time of his purchase, but the stumps and brush remained. He placed the entire tract under cultivation, but has since platted it, and has sold nearly all of it for house lots. Mr. Hatch has bought other land, both in Wayne and Concord townships, and is extensively engaged in general farming, as an agriculturist meeting with recognized success.

Mr. Hatch has been twice married. He married first, in August, 1861, Lucina Mead, a teacher in the Corry schools. She was born in Wayne township, a daughter of Darius and Bridget Mead. She died in 1868. Mr. Hatch married second, in 1871, Mary A. Chapin, who was born in Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, but came to Corry to accept a position as a teacher in the city schools. Her father, Adna Chapin, was born in Cortland county, New York, where his parents, Luke and Mary (Wildman) Chapin, were pioneer settlers, removing there from Connecticut, their native state. Reared and educated in New York state, Adna Chapin moved to Ohio about 1830, going by way of the canal and lakes to Cleveland, thence by teams to Wayne county. Buying a tract of wild land in Milton township, he first built the small log cabin in which Mrs. Hatch was born, and afterwards cleared and improved a good farm. He subsequently lived retired for a few years in Seville, Ohio, but later in life came to Corry, and thereafter lived with Mr. and Mrs. Hatch until his death, at the age of eighty-two years. He married Fanny Bingham, who was born in Cortland county, New York, a daughter of Johnson and Anna (Johnson) Bingham, who removed from Connecticut, their native state, to that place in pioneer days, and there spent their last years. They reared five children, namely: James, Wayland, Theodore, Luke, and Mary A., now Mrs. Hatch. By his first marriage Mr. Hatch has one daughter, Minnie Grace, widow of W. H. Bowman. Mrs. Bowman has two children, Samuel B. and Esther E. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch have three children living, namely: John, Elbert and Paul; Louis, Fannie, Helen and Mary being deceased. John married Edith Shelley, and they have one son, John Chapin Hatch. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hatch are consistent Christian people, he being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as steward and superintendent of the Sunday school, while she belongs to the Baptist church. Politically Mr. Hatch cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and has since been devoted to the interests of the Republican party, sustaining its principles at the polls.

J. Fletcher Alden. Prominent among the prosperous and enterprising business men of Corry, is J. Fletcher Alden, a successful and progressive agriculturist, and a well known coal dealer. A native of Erie county, he was born, December 10, 1847, in Wayne township, a son of Rev. Daniel B. Alden. His grandfather, Rev. Nathaniel Alden, a New England minister, was born in Massachusetts, and there married Betsey Seaton.

Born, in 1812, in Massachusetts, Daniel B. Alden received excellent educational advantages, and when a young man taught school several terms. Possessing strong religious convictions, he united with the Methodist Episcopal church in his youthful days, fitted himself for the ministry, and preached a number of years in Vermont and New York state. Coming to Pennsylvania soon after his marriage, he located near Rockdale, Crawford county, where he bought timbered land, and began to improve a farm. He was a circuit rider, and preached in different places, having a long ride, continuing to live on his farm until 1846. Purchasing then a tract of partly improved land in Wayne township, Erie county, he moved here with his family, and here continued his agricultural labors, at the same time being ever mindful of his duties as a minister of the gospel. The circuit to which he had been assigned included several churches, all of which he visited regularly, continuing in the ministry until his death, in 1862. The maiden name of the wife of Rev. Daniel B. Alden was Harriet M. Palmer. She was born in Vermont, a daughter of ———— and Betsey (Derby) Palmer. She survived her husband many years, passing away in 1907. She reared ten children, all of whom married, namely: Joseph, Laura, Permelia, Clara, Daniel, J. Fletcher, Burrows, Scott, I. Adelbert, and May.

Brought up on the homestead, and educated in the district school, J. Fletcher Alden formed an early acquaintance with the many branches of agriculture, and assisted in the care of the parental acres until after the breaking out of the Civil war. His patriotism being aroused, he enlisted, in 1863, in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and with his regiment marched to Atlanta, taking part in all of the engagements on the way, for seventy-two days and nights being within hearing of the heavy cannonading. With the exception of three months that he was ill, Mr. Alden remained with his command until the close of the conflict, being honorably discharged from the service July 25, 1865. Soon after returning home, Mr. Alden purchased the interests of the other heirs in the homestead on which he was reared, and was there successfully engaged in tilling the soil until 1890. Buying then his present estate, on West Pleasant street, Corry, he has since managed it most successfully, carrying on general farming after the most approved modern methods. Embarking in the coal business in 1901, Mr. Alden has since continued it in connection with farming, and by his persistent efforts and upright dealings has built up a large and lucrative trade.

On January 1, 1868, Mr. Alden married Maryett Blakeslee. She was born in Sparta township, in 1850, a daughter of Jacob Blakeslee, and grand-daughter of Reuben Blakeslee, an early settler of Meadville, Pa. Soon after his marriage with Hannah Heath, a native of Vermont, Jacob Blakeslee left Meadville, the place of his birth, and

located in Sparta township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until his death, in 1854. His wife survived him, passing her last years in Corry. Mr. and Mrs. Alden have reared three children, namely: Edith, Lizzie, and Mayme. Edith married first, Robert Munson, by whom she had one child, Waive, and married second, Walter Britcher, by whom she has two children, Helen and Charlie. Lizzie is the wife of Henry Crowell, and they have three children, Robert, Cora Esther, and Merle. Mayme married Dean Mitchell, and they have two children, Harry Alden and Luella M. Waive Munson, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden, married Neal Fassett, and they have one child, a daughter.

Henry Harrison Parker, who through his agricultural labors of more than thirty years has attained a prosperous and substantial position in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, is a native of Mill Creek township, where he was born January 3, 1841. His parents were Dean and Mary Ann (Shattuck) Parker, his father being a native of Vermont and his mother of Connecticut. The paternal grandparents, Jonas and Amanda (Allen) Parker, and the maternal grandparents, Spencer and Sarah (Burton) Shattuck, were also natives of Vermont and Connecticut, respectively. When grandfather Parker journeyed from Vermont to Erie, Pennsylvania, by ox teams in 1814, he brought with him Dean, then an infant of two years, who afterward became the father of Henry H. A tract of land was then purchased just south of the city of Erie and this locality remained for many years the central point of the family homes. When Dean Parker married he settled near his parents in this locality and eventually became a large farmer and land owner, his original estate consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres to which, during the later years of his life, he added fifty acres. The father, who was born November 21, 1812, died on this homestead in the year 1885 and his wife, whose birth occurred January 4, 1816, passed away in November, 1889.

Mr. Parker was the oldest child in a family consisting of five boys and three girls and after receiving a fair education in the district schools of Mill Creek township, abandoned the home farm and commenced work in a neighboring pump factory. He continued in this employment for fourteen years when with his savings he returned to Harbor Creek township (in March, 1877) and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. This tract he has devoted to general farming with diversified crops and he is now classed as among the substantial farmers of the township. He has also served as township trustee for many years, has held the office of road commissioner and assessor and been otherwise honored by his Republican supporters and fellow citizens.

On October 5, 1876, Mr. Parker was married to Miss Matilda Foote, a native of Mill Creek township and a daughter of Perry and Mary (Ewing) Foote, both born in Erie county. The paternal grandparents, Warren and Sally (Shattuck) Foote, were both natives of Connecticut, coming to Mill Creek township in 1811, while the maternal grandparents, Henry and Martha (Robinson) Ewing, were natives of Ireland.

GEORGE M. TITUS. Occupying a position of importance among the public officials of the city of Corry is George M. Titus, a man of ability and integrity, eminently trustworthy, who is now serving his third term as city comptroller. A son of Chauncey Titus, he was born, November 23, 1857, in Olean, Cattaraugus county, New York, of thrifty New England ancestry.

Chauncey Titus was born, reared and married in Connecticut. He there learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he subsequently followed in Olean, for a little while, after which he was a hotel keeper in that place for a short time. He subsequently engaged in the drug business at Olean, and still later took a contract to supply the Erie Railroad Company with wood to burn in its engines. Removing from there to Corry, Pennsylvania, on December 7, 1862, he bought two acres of land on East Main and Hill streets. Making a large addition to the frame house which stood upon that land, he opened it as a hotel, naming it the Titus House, and managed it for upwards of twenty years, making an ideal host. Selling out at the end of that time, he removed to Little Valley, Cattaraugus county, New York, where he built a hotel, which he conducted for about five years, when he sold it. He went from there to Iowa in search of a favorable location, but not satisfied with anything that he found soon returned to Corry, where, but a short time later, his death occurred. The maiden name of his wife was Susan Maria Smith. She was born in Sherburne, Chenango county, New York, a daughter of Caleb Smith, and is now living with her daughter in Binghamton, New York. She had but two children, Lena, and George M.

After leaving the public schools, in which he was educated, George M. Titus entered the employ of H. C. Maxwell, with whom he spent two years learning the trade of a gig and saddle maker. Mr. Maxwell selling out, he sought other work, and for two months was employed in the shops of the Climax Manufacturing Company. Desirous then of learning the cigar maker's trade, Mr. Titus served an apprenticeship of three years with John Turner, at the end of that time being made foreman of the shop, a position which he retained until the death of Mr. Turner, some seven years later. Continuing work with Mr. Turner's successor, Mr. Titus remained with him three years, and then accepted a position as a foreman in the Warren Cigar Works, at Warren, Pennsylvania, where he stayed four years. Coming then to Corry, he entered the office of Riddlesbeyer Brothers & Cogswell, where for two years he was assistant book-keeper. The firm selling then to Cogswell, Eaton & Gay, Mr. Titus was made head book-keeper, and remained with the company in that capacity for ten years. The firm then changed partners, the new name being Cogswell & Brown, and Mr. Titus gave up his position and began the study of law with George Olmstead. Being admitted to the bar in 1899, he began the practice of his profession in Corry, but his health began to fail, and for two years he did but little active labor. In 1900 he was elected city comptroller, and served so acceptably that he has since been twice honored with a re-election to this office, and is now serving his third term.

On September 26, 1882, Mr. Titus married Jennie S. Crapser, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of George B. and Hannah (Randerson) Crapser. Mr. and Mrs. Titus are the parents of

two children, namely: Margaret, and Douglas. The latter married Anna Cottrell. Fraternally Mr. Titus is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of the Knights of The Maccabees.

Isaac Wolf, for many years identified with the farming interests of Erie county and also a member of one of its pioneer families, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1827, a son of Cyrus and Mary (Platt) Wolf. They came from their native county of Lancaster to Mill Creek township in Erie county in 1838, and they were farming people there during the remainder of their lives.

The second born of their children, Isaac, remained at home with his parents until his marriage, and with his young wife he then located on a farm in Mill Creek township and lived there for eleven years. Coming then to North East township he bought and sold several farms here, and in March of 1900 became the owner of the present Wolf home in the town of North East, where he died a few years afterward, on the 15th of August, 1904. Erie county had been his home for many years, and he was known and honored to many of its residents.

He married on the 4th of October, 1853, Eliza Myers, from Fairview township in Erie county, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Heiss) Myers, natives respectively of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and of Lancaster, that state. Her maternal grandfather was William Heiss, of German parentage. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are: Clara, the wife of F. J. Moore, of Dover, Delaware; Perry, of Ripley, New York; Willis, whose home is in North East township; Edward who died in infancy; Frank, who died at the age of nineteen years; Nelson, of North East township; Mary, the wife of John Beatty, also of the township of North East; and Charles and Boyd, both in Chautauqua county, New York.

Martin S. Gillaspie, M. D. Noteworthy among the more prominent citizens of Edinboro, Erie county, is Dr. Martin S. Gillaspie, who is distinguished as a native-born resident, as the descendent of a pioneer family of worth, and as a fine representative of the medical profession of Erie county. A son of the late Martin Gillaspie, he was born January 15, 1861, in Edinboro, and here in the common schools, laid a substantial foundation for his future education. His paternal grandfather, David Gillaspie, was a life-long resident of Onondaga county, New York, but after his death his widow, whose name was either Margaret Gillaspie or Nancy Gillaspie, came, about 1840, to Pennsylvania, and spent her remaining years in Erie county.

Martin Gillaspie was born, April 30, 1818, in Onondaga county, New York, and there learned the trade of a stone mason. When a young man, he came to Erie county, and having purchased land in Washington township, carried on farming in connection with his trade until his death. He married Georgiana Taylor, a native of Canada, and into their home five children were born, namely: H. G., G. H., D. E., Sarah Anna, and Martin S.

After leaving the public schools, Martin S. Gillaspie continued his studies in the Edinboro Normal School, and in 1895 was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, with the degree of M. D. Immediately commencing the prac-

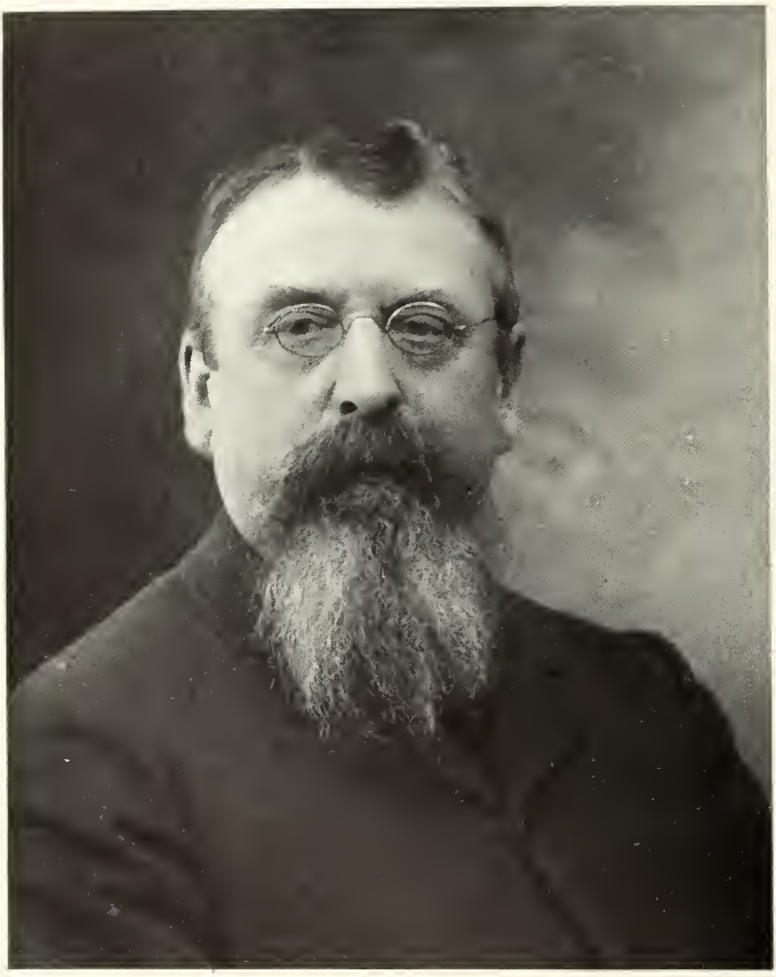
tice of his profession in Edinboro, Dr. Gillaspie has since remained here, having built up a large and remunerative patronage in this vicinity.

Nelson Kimmy, the practical and prosperous farmer of the township of Wayne, was born in Amity township, Erie county, on June 27, 1857, the son of William and Clarissa (Fronce) Kimmy, the former a native of Meadville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of McKean township, this county. The father came to Erie county about the year 1855, locating first in Amity township where he purchased a small saw-mill and became interested in the manufacture of lumber. Here he made a considerable advance financially and then resided in Union township, and also was a resident of Crawford county. He later purchased the farm of one hundred and seventy acres which his son now owns, and which was then familiarly known as the "Perkins Place." He was married twice. By his first wife he had one child—Madeline E., and by his second, two children—Nelson, of this sketch, and Evelyn, the latter being the wife of John Caflisch, one of the leading business men of Union City. William Kimmy expired March 5, 1901, in Corry, and was followed in death by his beloved wife, April 20, 1906.

Nelson Kimmy, of this review, was raised and educated in his native township, and in 1878 settled on the fertile and up-to-date dairy farm of one hundred and seventy acres which he now occupies, and which he operated with his father up to the time of the latter's death. He is also possessor of a fine herd of twenty fine dairy cattle. Mr. Kimmy was united in matrimony to Miss Martha E. Condon, of Elk Creek township on October 19, 1886, and of their eight children, the following seven survive: Harry L., Eugene L., John W., James Arthur, Frederick G., Myron Nelson and Delford Ozel. Mr. Kimmy is a Republican, but he is a believer in the principles which sustain the poor and honest man.

Clark Curtis. An important factor in developing and maintaining the agricultural prosperity of Erie county, Clark Curtis is pleasantly located in Venango township, where he is profitably engaged in general farming, managing his estate with ability and success. A native of this township, he was born in 1859, a son of Stephen and Julia (Brown) Curtis, both of whom were born and reared in Franklin, Pennsylvania. His parents bought one hundred acres of land in Venango township, and improved a good farm, on which they spent their remaining years, the mother dying in 1902, and the father in 1905. They reared three children, namely: Clark, Samuel, and Gilman.

Growing to maturity on the parental homestead, Clark Curtis received a practical education in the district school, in the meantime becoming familiar with the various branches of agriculture. Choosing for his life work the free and independent occupation to which he was brought up, he has been uniformly successful in his labors, and in 1898 purchased his present farm of one hundred acres. Here he is carrying on general farming, raising abundant crops of the cereals common to this part of the country, at the same time devoting a part of his time to dairying, keeping a herd of twenty fine graded cows. His farm is well improved, and judiciously cultivated, consti-



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tuting with its appointments and equipments one of the model farms of the neighborhood.

Mr. Curtis married, in 1879, Elizabeth, daughter of Randall Howard, of this county, and they have four children, Mark, Maud, Mary, and Clyde. Mrs. Curtis was born, bred and educated in Venango township, her birth occurring in 1855.

William DeLoss Taggart, for many years identified with the farming interests of Girard township, was born on the old Taggart homestead where he now resides July 30, 1842, and he is a member of one of the first families to establish their home in Erie county. His parents, William and Susannah (Higbee) Taggart, are mentioned in the sketch of his brother on other pages of this work.

In 1864, during the latter part of the Civil war, William D. Taggart enlisted for service in the navy, and was assigned to the "Quaker City," a wooden vessel engaged principally in blockade service. He is now a member of Lewis Post No. 359, G. A. R., at Fairview. He married Sarah E. Barker, a daughter of Edwin Barker and a granddaughter of Philo Barker, names prominent in Erie county history, and two children were born to them, Edwin Roy and Isabelle. The son married Susan Shutt, and resides on the farm with his father. The daughter married James Noyes, of Girard township, and they have one child, Sarah Ethel. Mrs. Taggart, the wife and mother is now deceased. Mr. Taggart has been a life-long farmer and a life-long resident of Erie county, with whose interests he has been prominently identified, and he has worthily upheld the prestige of an honored family name. His politics are Republican.

Joseph O. Baldwin is one of the honored pioneer residents of Erie county, and he is now living retired after many years of active and honorable labor. He was born in Franklin county, Massachusetts, Aug. 16, 1828, a son of Phineas and Mary (Welsh) Baldwin, who moved from that state to Cleveland, Ohio, and there spent the remainder of their lives.

In the early days of its history, Joseph O. Baldwin came to Waterford, but after a short time here went to Cleveland, Ohio, and for two years was the foreman of a lumber yard there. He was married in that city in 1853, and in the following year moved with his young wife to Adrian, Michigan, where he worked in the car shops for nine years, and at the close of that period he returned to Waterford township, in Erie county, and bought a farm of one hundred acres. He later became the owner of a tract of fifty acres just at the edge of Waterford borough, and he carried on general farming there until within the past few years, when he has lived with a daughter on a farm near Waterford. When he first came to the township, before going to Cleveland, Mr. Baldwin worked in the saw mill which was sawing the lumber for the old plank road between Erie and Meadville. This was in the days before the advent of the railroad, he having made the journey hither by boat, and he is truly numbered among the county's earliest living pioneers.

His marriage to Sarah Corvilla Phenix, which was celebrated in Erie, Ohio, in 1853, was blessed by the birth of three children. Marcia, wife of Charles Skinner, a resident of Washington township,

engaged in the oil industry, has four children: Mabel, Thaddeus, Theodore and Clarence; Mabel wedded Philip Blond and they have three children: Arthur, Nellie and Virginia. Nellie M. is the wife of Charles Lane, a farmer of Waterford township, and they have four children: Lucile, Joseph and Aaron (twins), and Leora. Annie M. wedded W. A. Owen, a farmer residing in Waterford township, and they have three children: Georgia, Robert and Wallace. Mr. Baldwin is a stanch Republican politically. His paternal grandfather Baldwin was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Frank M. Preston, a prosperous dairy and stock farmer, of Amity township, was born in New York state, December 8, 1859, and is the son of Lorenzo and Martha (Robinson) Preston, both natives of New York, and grandson of William and Electa (Lamphier) Preston, of New York. William Preston owned a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and was a thrifty and prosperous farmer, also operating a grist mill; he had nine children, the only one still living being Mrs. Emma Williams.

Lorenzo and Martha Preston had children as follows: Byron, Ida M. (deceased), Frank M., William R., George B., Mary C., and Kitty M.; Frank M. is the only one residing in Erie county.

Frank M. Preston came to Erie county with his parents when but a few months old, and here received his education. He is enterprising and progressive, and on his farm of seventy-two acres, uses modern agricultural machinery. He keeps fourteen head of cattle, of which nine are Red Polled, thoroughbreds, and his daily output of milk is three hundred and twenty-five pounds. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, and has served three terms as director of the school board.

Mr. Preston married, September 10, 1880, Ada McAlister, and to them have been born three children, Ida M., a teacher of music, Lena M., who teaches school, and Charles M., who is a merchant. Mr. Preston is a Prohibitionist in politics and a stanch advocate of its principles.

Charles McLaughlin, who during many years has been prominently identified with the business interests of Edinboro, was born at Sterrettania, in McKean township, Erie county, October 11, 1836, a son of Thomas and Honora (Fagan) McLaughlin. Thomas McLaughlin, who was born to John and Mary (Spence) McLaughlin on March 28, 1796, in County Tyrone, Ireland, came to the United States in 1818, and after spending three years in the state of Georgia came north to New York City and became the owner of a farm in what is now the heart of that great city. But becoming ill he disposed of his property there and located in Mill Creek township of Erie county, Pennsylvania, on what is now Twenty-second street of Erie, where, during four or five years, he worked at brick making. Moving then to Sterrettania in McKean township he was engaged in farming during the remainder of his life and died there on the 5th of March, 1880. During a number of years he served as the supervisor of McKean township, and for twenty-one years was its auditor.

His wife was born in Mill Creek township, of Erie county, in July of 1807, a daughter of John and Mary (Logan) Fagan. The

parents were born in York county, Pennsylvania, but coming to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1800 they located in Mill Creek township, east of the city of Erie on what is known as Fagan's Road, where they cleared a farm of one hundred acres and lived for fifty years. Mr. Fagan was a Revolutionary soldier, entering the army when but eleven years of age and he was discharged at the age of fifteen. He also took part in the war of 1812, serving as a waiter for Mad Anthony Wayne, and he was also with Perry at the battle of Lake Erie. He now lies buried in the city of Erie. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, namely: John, deceased; Mary Jane, who married James Kennedy and resides in Crawford county, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of M. Ricks; Thomas, deceased; Charles, who is mentioned below; Rosanna, who married Michael Harmon and lives in Girard, this county; Michael, who resides on the old McLaughlin farm; Hannah, deceased; Edward, whose home is in McKean township; and James C., deceased. Mrs. McLaughlin died on the 4th of September, 1858.

Charles McLaughlin spent the first twenty-three years of his life at home with his parents, and after working for a time at the carpenter's trade, he bought a small farm and also conducted the R. T. Stewart farm until enlisting for the Civil war. He became a member in 1863 of Company I, One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a private, took an active part with his regiment in the conflict, and was present at the surrender of Lee. After his honorable discharge in 1865 he returned home, but was ill, during the following year, and after his recovery he followed carpentering and farming until 1878. From that time until 1895 he was engaged in the house moving business, and then until February of 1898 he operated the Keystone mill in Edinboro. He owns a number of splendid farms in Erie and Crawford counties, and his time is devoted to looking after these estates and to his real estate business.

Mr. McLaughlin married Miss Margaret McIntosh, who died in the city of New York in 1903, and lies buried at Crossettville, in Crawford county, Pennsylvania. Their union was blessed by the birth of fifteen children, namely: Thomas W., whose home is in Oklahoma; James, deceased; John F., of Detroit, Michigan; Mary A., who became the wife of Michael Nash and is deceased; Lizzie, deceased; Dora, whose home is in Wichita, Kansas; Michael, of New York City; Abbie, the wife of John Murphy, of Crawford county; Allie, of New York City; Ves, who for eight years was a member of the navy and is now living in the city of New York; Lorene, who married S. F. Eckles and lives in Rochester, New York; Charles, of Wichita, Kansas; Bertha, the wife of Guy Baker, of Akron, Ohio; Bernice, deceased; and Henry, whose home is also in the city of New York. Mr. McLaughlin is a member of Proudfit Post No. 416 at Edinboro. He is one of th best known citizens and business men of this community.

Elmer M. Love. Having a natural taste for mechanics, Elmer M. Love has applied himself diligently to the study of everything connected with the mechanical arts and sciences, and is now successfully operating the foundry established in Corry by his father, the late Milton Love. A native of Chautauqua county, New York, he was

born in the town of Chumley, February 3, 1862. His grandfather, Erastus Love, was born near Attica, New York, a son of Richard Love, a farmer, who moved from Wyoming county, New York, to Chautauqua county in pioneer days, and there, living with his children, spent his last days, dying at the remarkable age of one hundred and four years.

But a child when he went with his parents from Wyoming county to Chautauqua county, Erastus Love spent his earlier life in helping his father clear and improve a homestead. Developing a liking for agricultural pursuits, he chose farming for his life occupation, living for a number of seasons near Poland, New York. He afterwards spent some time with his wife's people, and then came to Corry, Pennsylvania, where he resided during the remainder of his life, passing away at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, whose girlhood name was Catherine Love, was born at St. Clareville, Chautauqua county, New York. Her father was born in the eastern part of New York, being a son, so saith tradition, of John Love, Sr., who was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, emigrated to America when young, locating in New York state. John Love married Polly Bronson, a native of Chautauqua county, New York, and subsequently bought land in Gerry, where he carried on farming successfully for many years, acquiring a competency, after which he lived retired until his death, at the age of three score years, his death occurring in St. Clareville. Catherine Love died in 1840, at a comparatively early age, leaving five children, as follows: Melissa, Margaret, Milton, Merritt, and Marvin, all of whom have passed to the higher life.

Born in Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York, October 23, 1835, Milton Love was brought up on the parental homestead, and acquired his education in the district schools. He subsequently served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in Buffalo, after which he followed the tide of emigration across the country to California. There he was first employed in installing saw-mill machinery for some Mormons, after which he turned his attention to mining, remaining on the Pacific coast until 1860. Returning then, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, to Chautauqua county, New York, he followed his trade in Chumley for three or more years. Locating in Corry, Pennsylvania, in January, 1864, he opened a blacksmith's shop, and the same year enlisted, in Dunkirk, New York, in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry. Going to the front with his regiment, he was severely wounded at the battle of Hatcher's Run, and was subsequently confined in the hospital until the close of the war. Being honorably discharged in Buffalo, he returned to Corry, where he continued his occupation as a blacksmith until 1886, when he established the foundry now operated by his son Elmer. He lived to the age of three score and ten years, spending the last few years retired from active business.

Milton Love married Caroline M. Cobb, who was born in a log house, situated on the Read farm, in the town of Charlotte, Chautauqua county, New York, August 27, 1842. Her father, George Cobb, was born in St. Clareville, Chautauqua county, which was also the birthplace of his father, Bassett Cobb. Her great-grandfather, David Cobb, was born, it is thought, in the eastern part of New York.

As a young man he migrated to Chautauqua county, journeying with ox-teams, oftentimes being forced to cut his way through the forests. Buying wild land, he cleared and improved a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a very successful business man, acquiring a handsome property, and assisted each of his children to a farm. Bassett Cobb married Harriet Porter, a native of Utica, New York, and a niece of General Wolfe, who was brother to her mother. After his marriage, he settled on land given him by his father. Subsequently selling out, he came with his family to Erie county, Pennsylvania, locating at Harbor Creek, where he resided the remainder of his life. His wife survived him, and spent her closing years in Michigan, making her home with her children. George Cobb was born and brought up on a farm, but having learned the trades of a carpenter and millwright when young, followed those occupations throughout his active life. He spent his last years in Fredonia, New York, passing away at the venerable age of four score and four years. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria White, was born, in 1819, in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Her father, Horace White Jr., a son of Horace White Sr., was born and bred in Massachusetts, and for many years owned and operated a cotton mill on the Connecticut river. On account of ill health, he sold his mill, moved with his family to Western New York, spending his last days in Chautauqua county. He married Jerusha Skinner, a native of Connecticut, and she died before he did, dying when but thirty years old. Mrs. Caroline M. (Cobb) Love is now living in Corry, which is also the home of her four children: Elmer, Earl, Catherine, and Grace.

Having completed the course of study in the graded schools, and the Corry high school, Elmer M. Love taught school in Chautauqua county, New York, for a year. Embarking then in business in Corry, he established a hardware store, and carried it on for a short time. Selling out at an advantage, he went to Washington Territory, where he installed the Spokane Water Works. Completing the contract, Mr. Love returned to Corry, entered the foundry with his father, and has since continued business as a foundryman, since the death of his father having had entire control of the plant.

Mr. Love married, in October, 1884, Nellie C. Cullin, who was born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York, and they are the parents of two children, John and Lucille. Fraternally Mr. Love is a member of Jonathan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Royal Arcanum.

Thomas D. Willis and Seth H. Willis. In the prominence and variety of its relations to the agricultural, as well as business interests of Erie county, the Willis family has maintained the strength and adaptability of its English blood. Thomas Willis, who founded it in that section of Pennsylvania, was born in the world's metropolis July 16, 1795, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Evans) Willis. The family came to the United States in 1803, locating at Philadelphia, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The Thomas who became the father of Thomas D. and Seth H., first changed his residence to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in 1817 located on the old Brown farm, now within the city limits of Erie. At a later date he purchased a place on the Ridge road, and there died on the 24th of May, 1875. The main interests of his life

were centered in agriculture, but his practical abilities and his pronounced religious tendencies were shown in his efficient discharge of various public duties and by his earnest work for the Seventh Street Methodist church. He served as county poor director for nine years and held numerous township offices. Thomas Willis was twice married, first, to Miss Mary Weidley, who was survived by four children—Frank, Matilda, Martha and Edwin, now all deceased. His second wife was Marrillia M., daughter of Jeremiah Osborn, a native of Nova Scotia, who bore him two sons, Thomas D. and Seth H. The mother passed away on the 29th of December, 1902, in her eighty-third year.

Thomas D. Willis, president of the Erie County Milk Association and a leading citizen, was born on the old farm in West Mill Creek township, in the year 1845. On August 22, 1862, when only seventeen years of age, he enlisted in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and received an honorable discharge after a service of three years. He conducted the old farm until January, 1901, when he assisted in the organization of the Erie County Milk Association, of which he was chosen president. In order to give his most efficient service to the promotion of its progress he became a resident of the city at that time. On September 26, 1876, Mr. Willis married Miss Anna J., daughter of John McKee, and the children born to them are as follows: Gussie B., who married Herbert J. McCreary, now a teacher in a Brooklyn (N. Y.) high school; Thomas C., still residing on the old farm, who married Miss Nellie Tuttle; and Harvey M. and Frederick Willis, both living with their parents.

Seth H. Willis, the second son of Thomas Willis by his marriage to Marrillia Osborn, was also born on the Mill Creek farm, April 8, 1847. He received a thorough education in the public schools, Erie Academy and the State Normal, at Edinboro, and continued as a successful farmer and dairyman until March, 1894. Mr. Willis then was appointed secretary of the Harbor Creek Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with headquarters in the city of Erie. While a resident of West Mill Creek township, he was influential in its public affairs, serving for nine years as a school director, and since coming to Erie he has been an active member of its Chamber of Commerce and of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church. By his marriage to Miss Adella, daughter of Andrew Nicholson, an old citizen of Erie county, he has become the father of one child, George A., who is now paymaster at the Erie City Iron Works. The latter married Miss Mabel Heiss, daughter of William Heiss, a well-known grocer of Erie, and they are also the parents of one son, Richard H. Willis.

Anthony S. Pinney. Conspicuous among the native sons of Erie county, noted for their integrity, ability and worth, is Anthony S. Pinney, of Erie, who for nearly four decades was prominently identified with the mercantile growth and prosperity of that city, and is now serving as city treasurer of Erie. Universally respected and esteemed, there is no more popular man in the community than he. In manner frank, cordial and amiable, making friends with all with whom he comes in contact, it is a pleasure to meet him, for he is approachable, and ever ready to forward beneficial enterprises. A son

of Horace L. Pinney, he was born, March 23, 1845, in Belle Valley, Green township, Erie county, coming from honored New England ancestry.

Horace L. Pinney, a son of Elijah and Mahala (Grant) Pinney, was born in Connecticut, in 1815, and died, in Erie county, February 20, 1878. With the Pinney family he came to Erie county in 1838, locating on a farm in Mill Creek township. To all intents and purposes he was a farmer throughout his entire life, but having acquired an excellent education in Connecticut, his services were in demand after he came to this county as a teacher, and for sixteen winters he taught in the public schools of Erie county. Buying land in Green township in 1844, he carried on general farming successfully, and for a quarter of a century served as justice of the peace. He married, in 1842, Mrs. Sarah Shannon, daughter of William Saltsman, a pioneer of Erie county, and the widow of Samuel D. Shannon. She survived him, passing away in March, 1892, aged eighty years. Six children were born of their union, namely: Sarah Ellen lived but eight years; Elijah N., of Case City, Michigan, and Anthony S., the subject of this sketch, twins; Alexander of Erie; Rose, and Catherine.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the schools taught by his father, Anthony S. Pinney afterwards attended the public schools of Belle Valley and Erie City, completing his studies in the old Erie Academy. Desirous then of beginning his business career, he entered the hardware establishment of McConkey & Shannon as a clerk, and showed such aptitude in that capacity that the firm, in 1867, placed him in charge of a branch store at No. 1525 Peach street. Energetic, wide-awake and ambitious, Mr. Pinney met with most satisfactory success in the management of affairs, and in January, 1869, purchased the branch store, and embarked in mercantile pursuits on his own account, beginning on a modest scale. In order to meet the demands of his large and increasing patronage, he added to his stock, and in February, 1893, having outgrown his original quarters, he moved to No. 724 State street, where he put in a complete line of hardware, and continued business for a number of years. In 1904, after a long and highly successful experience as a hardware merchant, Mr. Pinney retired from business, having by persevering industry and honest thrift acquired a competency. In 1905 he was elected city treasurer, and has since served in this capacity with ability and fidelity, having been re-elected to the office in 1908.

Mr. Pinney married, March 4, 1869, Mary E., daughter of the late Allen A. Morse, of Erie, who was a cousin of Prof. Samuel F. B. Morse, distinguished as the inventor of the telegraph. Mr. and Mrs. Pinney have one child, Sarah Ellen, wife of William F. H. Nick, of Erie. Politically Mr. Pinney supports the principles of the Democratic party by voice and vote. He belongs to a number of fraternal organizations, including the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and the Knights of Pythias.

John L. Wells is ex-county treasurer of Erie county, and for many years leading pension attorney of Erie, and it can truly be said that whatever he undertakes to do is well done. In public life he has faithfully performed his official duties, while his military record in the Civil war was a distinguished one, reflecting honor and credit upon his brave and gallant conduct during the many hard-fought battles and

campaigns in which he participated. He was born, in 1841, on a farm in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, being of pioneer descent on both sides of the house. His parents, Jarvis and Polly (Chambers) Wells, life-long residents of Erie county, reared four children, namely: James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, twins; John L., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; and R. Eliza.

Brought up on the home farm, John L. Wells received a practical education in the rural schools of his neighborhood, in the meantime having the usual training of a country boy. In 1861, before attaining his majority, enthused by patriotic ardor, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Captain Braden, and served under Colonels Schlaudecker, Cobham and Walker. He received a lieutenant's commission, and on being transferred to another company, commanded the same until the close of the war, rendering efficient service as its captain. He was at the front in many of the more important engagements of the contest, including the second engagement at Bull Run; the battle at South Mountain, Georgia, where his bravery won recognition, the general and Governor Gerry giving him as a souvenir for a daring act a special commission; the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, and Lookout Mountain; and was also with General Sherman in his famous march to the sea. Near the close of hostilities, Captain Wells was captured at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, confined as a prisoner in the famous rebel prison at Andersonville, from which he made an almost miraculous escape. He earned the rank of lieutenant colonel by acting as a scout on one occasion and discovering the position of the enemy, thereby saving his entire division from capture. His own capture and subsequent retention in prison, however, prevented him from bearing his well deserved promotion, hence his testimonial from the governor. Receiving his honorable discharge in 1865, he returned to his home in Erie, where he has since resided.

In 1883 Captain Wells was elected to the office of county treasurer of Erie county by a flattering majority, and served with such ability and faithfulness that he was re-elected at the expiration of his term to the same office. On leaving the office, the Captain engaged in business as a pension attorney, and has continued in it successfully ever since, having added thereto a line of fire insurance business, in which he has established a large and remunerative patronage. Fraternally Captain Wells is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Loyal Legion.

Captain Wells married, in February, 1867, Adele S., daughter of Stewart Chambers, of Erie, and of their union three children have been born.

Felix F. Curtze. President of three of the largest metal industries of Erie and an industrious and progressive member of the community since he was fifteen years of age, Felix F. Curtze has earned a most substantial standing in the practical activities and the honorable citizenship of northwestern Pennsylvania. His father, Frederick Curtze, who was a city pioneer of 1840, was also a man of varied and quite remarkable capabilities, being a skilled silversmith, a thorough linguist, and a successful oil-cloth manufacturer. The elder Mr.

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Curtze was a native of the German province of Waldeck, where he was born on the 11th of March, 1813, a son of the Rev. Ludwig Curtze, a clergyman of the Lutheran church. Frederick Curtze received a liberal education, becoming proficient in the Latin, English, Spanish and French languages. In accord with the typical and sound German custom, he also learned a trade—that of a silversmith—and after spending some time in Europe, including a residence in Vienna, in 1836 he emigrated to the United States. The first two years of his residence in this country were spent in New York City, followed by a year each in Boston and Philadelphia, the entire time being passed in the prosecution of this trade. When he became a resident of Erie, in the spring of 1840, he commenced to make printing molds for the manufacture of oil cloth, at the same time giving private lessons in German. Five years later he began the manufacture of oil cloth himself and continued in that industrial line for about five years. For the succeeding six years he resided on his farm in Fairview township, returning to Erie in 1858. In that year he was elected a justice of the peace and served continuously in that office for a period of twenty-five years, his death occurring on the 14th of April, 1891. The conclusion of his active life as a justice of the peace for a quarter of a century established his position as a widely popular and a highly honored citizen—a standing which was doubly assured in view of his long leadership in the religious and social matters of the German-American community with which he was identified for so many years. In 1844 Frederick Curtze married Miss Mary A. Beckman, daughter of Abraham Beckman, a Fairview farmer, and to them were born the following children: Caroline, who married Louis Albracht; Louisa, who became the wife of Captain Jacob Feigler; Franciska, now Mrs. Henry V. Claus; Herman J., Charles A. and Adolph; Felix F., of this biography; Julius, Oscar, Mary, who married F. Warnoth; Sabine, Mrs. Frederick Mertens, and Adelia, who became the wife of Charles Stohlman. The mother of this family died on the 25th of October, 1864.

Felix F. Curtze, before mentioned, was born in Erie, March 5, 1858, soon after the family had returned to the city from the Fairview farm. After obtaining a public school education, as a youth of fifteen he became an office boy in the Erie Dime Savings Bank, and, after thirteen years of continuous and progressive service, in 1886 was appointed treasurer of the institution. Mr. Curtze held that position for a number of years, and in 1894 became financially interested in the Globe Iron Works, upon the incorporation of the business being elected president of the company. He is still the active head of its affairs, as well as president of the Stearns Manufacturing Company and of the Heisler Locomotive Works and interested in other important industries. He is also a director in the Erie Trust Company and a strong and far-sighted financier. On June 30, 1885, Mr. Curtze was married to Caroline J., daughter of Frederick and Julia (Pfarre) Stohlman, residents of New York.

JOHN BENNETT is one of the leading agriculturists of Venango township, where he was born on his father's homestead July 24, 1845. Colonel John H. Bennett, his father, was born in Delaware county, New York, July 8, 1808, and he was sent by his father, John Bennett, to Erie county to collect debts from men who owed him. This was in 1827, and while



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discharging his duties as his father's collector he was offered a horse by a man in payment for his debt. This young Bennett accepted, expecting to ride it back to Delaware county, but before he set out he received word that his father was coming and advised the young man to stay in the new country. Trading his horse then for forty acres of land he settled here permanently and in time became one of the large land owners of the county. He was joined in the following year by his father and his family, and in time this John Bennett and his sons owned about four hundred acres of the finest land, and after the death of the father the son, Colonel John H. Bennett, became the possessor of this large tract. After an eventful and useful life John Bennett passed away in death on December 28, 1851, in the seventy-eighth year of his age and his wife followed him in 1864 aged over eighty-three years. Colonel John H. Bennett was a colonel of a militia regiment, a strict disciplinarian, and he also held the office of collector of his township. With his father he purchased the saw mill of Nims and Ball, located on the east branch of French creek, and there they manufactured lumber and shingles and also ground apples. He married Mary E. Foote in January of 1883, and to the union were born the following children: Frances A., Helen M., Lucia J., Victor H., John, Betsey and Daniel, but of this number John alone survives. Colonel John H. Bennett was a large-hearted man whose friends were as numerous as his acquaintances, and he died in 1887, long surviving his wife, who passed away in 1851.

John Bennett has been a life-long agriculturist, and when lumber was to be had on his or his neighbors' land he operated a saw mill in conjunction with his farming. He now owns and operates in his own name nearly four hundred acres of fine dairy land, the place being well stocked and worked with the best and most approved machinery. When his country was in war he offered his services to the northern cause and was enrolled as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, on the 24th of November, 1863, and becoming a member of the Army of the Cumberland he participated in the entire campaign with Sherman on his march to the sea. His services were meritorious and honorable, and he was discharged from the ranks in July of 1865. On the 5th of November of the same year he was happily married to Miss Elvira Stewart, born in Amity township April 2, 1842, a daughter of Truman Stewart. To this union there was born a daughter, Addie J., on the 24th of October, 1869. She became the wife of T. Ramsdale on February 21, 1891, and the mother of three children, Harold, John and Florence Nightingale. She was called from this life on the 21st of February, 1909.

Mr. Bennett is independent politically and will vote for the best man fitted for the office. Fraternally he is a charter member of the I. O. O. F. in Wattsburg and has passed all the chairs. He is also a member of the Mason Lodge, and a member of the Grange.

Robert Wesley Lawrie. The various stages in the career of a successful business man are readily traceable inasmuch as, step by step, he progresses, each time making a sure footing and bringing to bear upon the situation such ability and judgment as enables him to make good present opportunities and, little by little, availing himself of them, enlarge his business chances, thereby mounting upward on the strength of his own merits toward a final and substantial goal.

The career of Robert Wesley Lawrie is no exception to the rule. He is in every sense of the word to be numbered among those men who may be denominated as successful and whose success has not been won on the ground of outside influences or aid, but simply on the excellent judgment of the man himself and of that degree of careful management which enabled him to coerce forces and arrange circumstances in such a manner as to make them work to his own advantage, all the while observing thorough and honorable business methods and at the same time preserving unassailable relations as far as concerns the commercial world. Without doubt he is one of the leading as well as progressive business factors of the city of Erie, being the owner of one of the largest and most complete furniture establishments in this part of the state. At the same time he is the proprietor of an extensive undertaking and ambulance enterprise at No. 1207 State street, which is a lucrative department of his business. Mr. Lawrie is a man of excellent parts and strong qualities of character, whose stalwart powers do not permit cowering in the presence of adversities, but which, on the other hand, make apparent defeat a victory and a stepping stone to high attainments and thus he has gained the prominent position in which he stands in the commercial and financial circles of the city.

A native of Canada, Mr. Lawrie was born at Bowmanville, Ontario, September 8, 1872, a son of James and Mary (Drinkle) Lawrie. The father, a native of Scotland, during infancy was brought to Canada, where he spent his life, death calling him in 1904, while the mother, also a native of Canada, now resides there. In his native town of Bowmanville and at Oshawa, Robert Wesley Lawrie was reared, acquiring his educational privileges in the common schools, leaving his text-books when in his eleventh year and at that tender age, entering the employ of a commercial establishment. His first step in the business world was as a messenger boy, in which position, although it was humble, he was honest in the performance of his duties, considering his post as one of trust and in this way prepared himself for a higher step in the business, his next position being that of a clerk and as such he worked for a period of five years. At that period of his life, deeming it advisable to become familiar with the trade, thereby thinking that he might have a better showing for success in life, he became apprenticed to a wood finisher at Oshawa, with whom he became an artisan in that kind of work. Later he repaired to Woodstock, where he plied his craft to advantage until 1892, during which year he located in this city. Upon his arrival here he accepted a position in the Shaw Piano Works as a finisher and in the prosecution of his craft he displayed a measure of skill which rapidly gained him recognition as a man unsurpassed in his department of mechanics. Following his trade until the year 1896, in the meantime through economical habits having saved the greater portion of his earnings, considering himself able to embark on a business venture on his own account, he engaged in the furniture enterprise on a small scale at West Eighteenth street. There he conducted business successfully, all the while extending his popularity until 1891 when he transferred his business site to the fifth floor of the Mayer block on South State street, which quarters, being much larger than his former location, allowed him to enlarge his business according to his popu-

larity and the demands made upon him in his particular line of trade. About the time of the removal he was joined by his brother, William J. Lawrie, and the firm became known under the tile of Lawrie Brothers. The partnership, however, was of short duration, the brother who entered into business relations in April withdrawing from the concern in the following September. Nevertheless, by mutual agreement, the firm name, Lawrie Brothers, was still maintained and under this title the business has since been transacted. Since locating in the Mayer block the enterprise has witnessed rapid growth and Mr. Lawrie has added to his furniture lines, carpets and rugs, and also a line of shoes, in all of which commodities he conducted an increasing trade, although recently he has ceased to deal so much in these added lines, but has supplanted them by other commodities, such as stoves, etc. Moreover, in addition to the above named merchandise he carries a stock of men's clothing, paying some attention also to ladies' tailoring and millinery, in which he has gained a wide reputation, while in addition to these he also engages in the undertaking business. His enterprise was in the height of prosperity and in a flourishing condition, being one of the largest in the city when total destruction came upon the establishment, his entire stock having suffered in the fire which destroyed the Mayer block on September 28, 1908. In this conflagration Mr. Lawrie suffered the total loss of his stock, which was estimated at above forty-eight thousand dollars, inasmuch as he did not carry insurance upon his goods. Previous to the fire he had negotiated for the occupation of the new Baldwin block on State street and the deal for the new quarters was closed on the afternoon on which the fire occurred and he was to assume occupancy on December 1, 1908. The building, which is a three-story brick structure having a floor space of twenty-eight thousand square feet, was completed at the specified time and Mr. Lawrie, in accordance with his contract, assumed occupancy and again resumed his business. Although the conflagration swept from under him his belongings, his business methods before the catastrophe had been such as to recommend him highly as an honorable and able man in commercial lines and his credit both here and elsewhere was as good as his word and he was not at all hampered in supplying his new store with a new line of goods. Without a doubt he carries the largest stock in the line of commodities he handles of any house in the city and since occupying his new quarters, having brought to bear that firm resolve and business ability which heretofore characterized him, he has maintained his popularity as a business man and tradesman and is now carrying on an enterprise which far exceeds the proportions of his former one and which is one of the most valuable assets to the commercial life of the city. The fact that Mr. Lawrie has recuperated in such a short period of time after such great losses is ample recommendation of his superior business judgment and determination as well, of the fact that the business methods upon which he conducts his enterprise are such as in the eyes of the business world are bound to insure success and to this extent explains the high reputation in which he is held, not only here but throughout the country.

Mr. Lawrie wedded Miss Nellie Arron, of this city, a daughter of John Arron, deceased, and the couple reside in an elegant residence, which is supplied with every convenience with which to make domestic

life happy. Mr. Lawrie is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and a number of other social and fraternal organizations, his connections in these lines evidencing his belief in the brotherhood of mankind and in mutual helpfulness. He has always been deeply interested in the welfare of the city and the fact that he is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce shows that he is a man who is ever ready to espouse and further such measures as will promote its business and financial interests. Mr. Lawrie is widely known as a young and aggressive business man and the part he has already taken in bringing the finances and commerce of the city to their present high place has won him the respect of the business men of the city, in which he is justly numbered as a representative and valued benefactor.

Isaac Robbins Reeder, of Edinboro, was born just south of this village in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in what is known as the Reeder Settlement, December 6, 1832, a son of James and Polly (Taylor) Reeder. James Reeder was born in Erie county, November 17, 1804, a son of Jobe and Nancy (Campbell) Reeder. Jobe Reeder, born April 29, 1776, came to Erie county about the year of 1799, and located in the southern part of Washington township. He married there on the 10th of March, 1800, Nancy Campbell, whose mother was one of the first settlers of Washington township, she having come from the eastern part of the state to near Edinboro in 1797, and she later married a Mr. Randolph. The names and dates of birth and death of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Reeder are as follows: Joseph, born September 23, 1802, died April 24, 1848; James, born November 17, 1804, died June 18, 1860; Dorothy, born January 16, 1807, died September 2, 1820; Jane, January 16, 1809, died May 9, 1848; Mary, April 29, 1811, died May 20, 1877; Jobe, February 27, 1813, died August 27, 1863; Eleanor, May 21, 1815, died September 23, 1894; John C., born November 7, 1817, died November 21, 1876; Samuel, born September 14, 1821, died September 2, 1901; Hannah, born December 11, 1823, died February 5, 1898; and Moses, born April 19, 1826, died March 22, 1899.

James Reeder, the second born son in the above family, at one time with his brother-in-law, Mr. Taylor, owned all of the land in the eastern and southeastern part of the village of Edinboro, and to those two gentlemen belong the credit of laying out the streets and platting that part of the village. They also gave the land on which the Normal school is located, and it may be truthfully stated that had it not been for these public spirited citizens Edinboro would never have been the seat of this institution of learning. Throughout his entire life Mr. Reeder was a stanch advocate of education, and during a number of years served as a school director. He was not only a well-known agriculturist, but also built and operated the saw mill a mile south of the village, which is now owned by his son Isaac. He was prominently identified with the early history of this community, and during the war of 1812 he was at several different times one of the guards of the city of Erie.

Mr. Reeder married on November 9, 1826, Polly Taylor, and they became the parents of the following children: James Oliver, born August 15, 1827, died May 4, 1857; Jobe D., born June 30, 1829, died March 16, 1842; Isaac Taylor, born August 19, 1831, died October 18,

1831; Isaac Robbins, who is mentioned below; Hattie Ann, born March 17, 1835, died August 27, 1899, and she married Martin Pratt; John Taylor, born February 4, 1837, died April 8, 1869; Mary Jane and one who died in infancy were twins, and the former, born on July 26, 1839, died when about two years of age; Louisa Flora, born July 22, 1841, married Charles Dale and resides at Franklin in Venango county, Pennsylvania; Sally Dorothy, born December 6, 1843, died June 3, 1868; Fanny Quincina, born April 19, 1846, died January 25, 1871; Polly Elmira, born October 13, 1848, married James Martin and resides at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Eleanor, born January 1, 1853, died November 21, 1895. Two of the daughters, Louisa Flora and Sally Dorothy, were the first two graduates of the Edinboro Normal after it came under state control, they having been the only members of their class, and both afterward taught in the institution for a number of years. The next younger sister, Fanny Quincina, also taught instrumental music there.

Isaac R. Reeder attended first the schools of Crawford county and later the old academy at Waterford in Erie county. In the year of 1853 he entered upon his business career as a farmer and lumberman, he having assumed control then of the old saw mill which his father had built, and he still continues to operate this old mill. At one time where it now stands the Reeder family owned six hundred acres of land, but at the present time only three-quarters of this once large estate is in their name, this forming a part of Isaac Reeder's mill yard. In about 1865 and in partnership with Isaac R. and Jobe Taylor he bought the Burlingham pump manufactory at Edinboro and engaged in the making of wooden pumps, following that occupation for many years, and after the death of one of the partners, Jobe Taylor, Dr. I. N. Taylor became interested in the firm. This business was successfully managed and conducted by Mr. Reeder, with the exception of the one year which he spent in the west, until it was destroyed by fire. With his youngest brother he in 1858 sailed from New York City around the Horn to Crescent City, Oregon, a journey of one hundred and thirty-three days, and after spending the summer on the Rogue river they returned via the Isthmus of Panama. Mr. Reeder throughout the active years of his business life has taken an active part in the advancement and welfare of his city and county, has served as a burgess, councilman and assessor, and he was one of the organizers of the Edinboro Savings Bank and one of its first directors. He is now the president of the bank. In 1862 he was made one of the directors of the Normal School, holding that office at different times for thirty-seven years, and he is now the president of the board. As did his father before, he takes an active and helpful interest in the cause of education.

Mr. Reeder married Miss Sarah T. Giles, who was born in Washington township of Erie county, January 19, 1836, a daughter of Joseph and Tyler (Crossette) Giles. The parents were born and married in Massachusetts, and in 1818 they made the overland journey to Erie county, Pennsylvania, with a horse and yoke of oxen, locating in Washington township, and this was their wedding journey. Mr. Giles was for many years one of the prominent agriculturists of that township. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reeder: Eva, Fanny Edith and James Lynn, all of whom are deceased; Charles Joseph, the cashier of the National Exchange Bank in Carthage, New York, who wedded Miss Clara Jennie Richardson, of Lowville, Lewis

county, New York, and has two children, Ronald Joseph Richardson and Roscoe Giles; and Anna Giles, the wife of A. A. Culbertson, of Erie. Mr. Reeder is an independent Republican voter, and with his wife he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is one of its elders.

Norris S. Woodruff has been identified with the business and political life of Erie county for a long number of years, and is now serving as the postmaster of North East. He was born in Tompkins county, of New York, August 25, 1849, a son of Heman and Nancy J. (Norris) Woodruff, born respectively in Chautauqua county, New York, and in Sullivan county of the same state. The father was a son of Israel and Tamer (Hatch) Woodruff, natives of Connecticut, and the mother was a daughter of Stephen and Sally (Burr) Norris, from New York. Heman Woodruff was a farmer in Ripley, New York, from 1856, until his death in 1902, long surviving his wife, who passed away in 1860.

Norris S. Woodruff, the second born of their six children, two sons and four daughters, attended a private and high school at Ripley and the Westfield, New York, Academy. He was eighteen years of age when he left the parental home to begin his work as a school teacher in Chautauqua county, New York, but in 1880 he left the school room to become a carpenter and contractor, thus continuing until appointed the postmaster of North East. During all these years he has been an active local worker in the interests of the Republican party, and served as a member of the election board from 1888 until 1907, while for two terms he was a member of the Republican county central committee. Since 1906 he has served as a member of the school board of North East, serving three years as its secretary, two years as its president, and one year as its treasurer.

Mr. Woodruff married on September 24, 1872, Mary A. Phear, born in Stockton, Chautauqua county, New York, a daughter of Thomas and Paulina (Harris) Phear, the father born in England and the mother in Aurora, New York. The children of this union are E. Maud, the wife of J. D. Sterrett, the manager of the Standard Saw Mill and Machinery Company at Erie, and Blanche W., the wife of F. H. McCord, a grocer in North East. Mr. Woodruff is a member and since 1906 a past grand master of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 1073, of North East, and has passed all the chairs. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and he has served as its trustee for several years.

Milton Hughes Christie, M. D. Prominent among the well-known and prosperous physicians of Corry is Dr. Milton Hughes Christie, who, thoroughly prepared by study for his chosen profession, has gained wisdom and knowledge from his years of experience, and won a fine reputation for skill and ability. A native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, he was born, March 7, 1858, in Concord township, where the birth of his father, William Hughes Christie, occurred in 1812.

Andrew Christie, the doctor's grandfather, was born in Scotland, and, so far as is known, was the only member of his immediate family to cross the Atlantic. Emigrating to the United States when a young

man, located first in Westmoreland county, but shortly afterwards removed to Butler county, settling as a pioneer in Concord township. Buying from the state six hundred and forty acres of land that was still in its virgin wildness, he built a small log cabin, and at once began the arduous task of hewing a farm from the forest. There he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-four years, and in the meantime had the pleasure of witnessing the development of the country thereabout from a dense wilderness into a populous and wealthy community, in the wondrous transformation taking, himself, an active part. He married Mary Hughes, who was of Welsh descent. She attained the venerable age of ninety-seven years. Three sons and three daughters were born of their union, namely: John, William Hughes, Andrew, Polly, Elizabeth, and Mary.

Reared on the home farm, William Hughes Christie inherited a part of the land which he had assisted his father in clearing, and was there prosperously employed in tilling the soil until his death, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy MacClain, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, of Scotch ancestry. Her father, John MacClain, emigrated from Scotland to America, and after spending a few years in Westmoreland county, removed to Freeport, where he was engaged in mercantile business the remainder of his life. Mrs. William H. Christie survived her husband, passing away at the venerable age of eighty-one years. She reared four children, as follows: Elizabeth, Emelda, Milton Hughes, and Maggie.

Having completed his studies in the district schools, Milton H. Christie attended first the Sunbury Academy, and later the Witherspoon Institute, at Butler. Going then to Salem, Ohio, he studied medicine with Dr. Rhodes, and in 1888 was graduated from the Medical Department of Wooster University, at Cleveland, receiving the degree of M. D. Beginning the practice of his profession in Cleveland, Dr. Christie remained there a short time, after which he practiced successfully in Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania, until 1905. Coming then to Corry, the doctor has since built up a large and lucrative patronage in this city, his professional knowledge and ability being recognized throughout the community.

In 1879 the doctor married Hattie Rhodes, who was born in West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Albert and Rheuamy (Patterson) Rhodes. Of the marriage of Doctor and Mrs. Christie three sons have been born, namely: Arthur, Merle, and Clare, to all of whom have been given ample opportunity to cultivate their scholarly tastes and ambitions. Arthur was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at the Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, and is now assistant surgeon in the United States army, being stationed in the Philippine Islands. He married Maude Hopkins, and they are the parents of two children, Genevra and Carlisle. Merle, the second son, was graduated from the Dental Department of the Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, and is now practising dentistry in Corry. Clare, the younger son, is studying law in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Politically the doctor is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of F. & A. M., of Columbus; of Clarence Commandery, No. 51, K. T., of Corry; and of the Knights of

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the Maccabees. Religiously both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church.

Arold Albert Freeman stands as a splendid representative of the profession which is the conservator of human rights and liberties and in all of his professional relations has manifested unwearied industry, laboring ever for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his calling. He was born on the old Freeman farm in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1850, a son of Arold and Mary (Davis) Freeman. The father was born near Metuchen, New Jersey, July 26, 1807, and was a son of Arold Freeman, who was born in the same neighborhood in 1770. His father, Thomas Freeman, born in New Jersey in 1748, was the son of Henry Freeman Jr., born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, in 1717. The last named was of the first generation of American-born members of the family. His father, Henry Freeman Sr., was born in England in 1670 and emigrated to America in 1683, landing at Philadelphia. He was married on the 16th of May, 1795, to Elizabeth Bonne. Thomas Freeman, the great-grandfather, is reputed to have been an American spy in the Revolutionary war and in Volume I of the "American Ancestry" is referred to as having "married Lillian Moore, served in the Revolutionary war, was taken prisoner by the British and escaped." Family tradition has it that Thomas Freeman was once strung up to a tree by his captors to make him divulge information regarding the patriot army but he refused to do so. Arold Freeman Sr.. was engaged in the coasting trade, sailing between New York and Boston until 1816, in which year he came to Pennsylvania and settled on a large tract of unimproved land in Crawford county. He married Sarah Edgar and they reared a family of eight sons and three daughters.

Arold Freeman, the father of our subject, followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life and died in Crawford county September 11, 1888. His wife was born in that county in September, 1810, and was a daughter of Isaac Davis, of Welsh descent and a pioneer of Crawford county. She died January 10, 1877, after having reared a family of seven children to maturity, all of whom are still living with the exception of one son, who was killed by a falling tree.

Arold A. Freeman, whose name introduces this review, remained on the old home farm of the Freeman family in Crawford county until he attained the age of nineteen years. Leaving the district schools, he entered the state normal school at Edinboro, Erie county, and was there graduated with the class of 1872. He afterward engaged in teaching school for a few terms in order to obtain money with which to complete his education and after acquiring his literary course he entered the medical department of the Buffalo University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1876, winning his M. D. degree. The same year he located in Erie, where he engaged in the practice of his profession for five years until his health became impaired and he was forced to put aside the duties of his chosen calling. About that time he was elected to the office of alderman and while filling that position he also read law familiarizing himself with the leading textbooks and commentaries during his five years' aldermanic term. In 1886 he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon the practice of law, in which he has continued successfully to the present time. His ability at the bar is evidenced by the large clientage accorded him. Thorough and careful in the preparation of his cases, he loses sight of no point

which will bear upon the decision, yet gives to the most prominent point its relative place. In argument clear and concise, his application of legal principles is correct and his deductions are sound.

While his professional duties make heavy demand upon his time, Mr. Freeman has also been recognized as an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party and in 1888 was made its candidate for assemblyman, being defeated by only seventy-two votes. The same year he was elected a member of the Erie school board and served for three years, while for one year he was president of the board. During that period he agitated the subject of building a free school library, earnestly advocating this work and is conceded to be the originator and chief promoter of the project, a report of the secretary of the board giving him credit in this way. He has at all times been interested in matters of general improvement, reform and advancement and wherever the opportunity has presented for a good work or for assistance in any worthy movement he has not been found wanting. He was one of the incorporators of St. Vincent's Hospital, drafted the plans for its organization and has ever since been its attorney. He is also attorney for the Sisters of St. Joseph, representing them in legal interests since his admission to the bar.

Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Josephine Finn, who was born in Chautauqua county, New York, but was reared in Erie county, a daughter of Nehemiah L. and Lucina (Weaver) Finn. She is a descendant in the fourth generation of William Finn, who came as a stowaway from Ireland and when the vessel reached Castle Garden was sold for his passage to a Dr. Carpenter, of Long Island. He afterward married the doctor's daughter, Helen. Their son, Anthony Finn, removed to Orange county, New York, while Nehemiah Finn, the grandfather of Mrs. Freeman, located in Greenfield township, Erie county, and was one of the first to make and ship butter from this town to New York City, shipping by lake to Buffalo and thence by the Erie canal to the Hudson and on to the metropolis. His son, Nehemiah Finn Jr., became a well known and representative farmer of North East township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have been born the following named: Arold R., whose birth occurred March 3, 1878, and who wedded Alice Blickinderfer, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, by whom he has one daughter, Elinor Jane, born October 2, 1907; Robert T., who was born January 19, 1881; Hortense, born December 20, 1883; and Gladys, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 19th of July, 1889.

Such in brief is the history of A. A. Freeman, one of Erie county's representative lawyers, who holds to high standard in his professional service and is recognized as an able, faithful and conscientious minister in the temple of justice. He has achieved and deserves a prominent position at the bar, for in his practice he is absolutely fair, never indulging in artifice or concealment, never dealing in indirect methods, but winning his victories, which are many, and suffering his defeats, which are few, in the open field face to face with his foe.

Earl L. Brown. A man of unlimited energy and enterprise, possessing excellent judgment and good business ability, Earl L. Brown, of Corry, has for many years been actively associated with the lumber interests of the country, in his various dealings meeting with signal success. A native of Erie county, he was born, March 16, 1868, in Concord township. His father, Oliver Lorenzo Brown, was born,

October 5, 1838, in Spring Creek township, Warren county, where his father, Josiah Brown, was a pioneer.

Having cleared and improved a farm in Spring Creek township, Josiah Brown lived there a number of years, and then removed to Harbor Creek, subsequently settling permanently on a farm in Concord township, Erie county, where he spent the later years of his life. His wife, Nancy (Stowell) Brown, survived him, dying, at the home of a son, in Bradford.

Choosing the free and independent occupation with which he had become familiar when a boy, Oliver Lorenzo Brown bought land in Concord township, four miles from Corry, and there began the improvement of a farm. Successful in his operations, he has now a valuable farm of eighty-five acres, well supplied with the necessary buildings, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising in a profitable manner. The maiden name of his wife was Lois Ophelia Patterson. She was born near Stockton, Chautauqua county, New York, a daughter of Alvah and Maria (Cressey) Patterson. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver L. Brown, four children were born, as follows: Earl L., Clyde F., Bessie Grace, and Bertha Della.

Leaving home on attaining his majority, Earl L. Brown went to Kane, where for three years he worked for an uncle in a feed mill. The ensuing eighteen months he was engaged in the grocery business in the same town. Selling out, he embarked in the milling business, but at the end of four years sold his interest in the plant, and located in Corry. Taking advantage of what seemed to be a most favorable opportunity for increasing his financial resources, Mr. Brown joined the Yukon Dredging and Transportation Company, and started for Alaska. At Astoria, Oregon, the company procured a steamer, loaded it with a complete set of dredging machinery, and proceeded on its way to Alaska, intending to secure gold by dredging the river. Arriving, after a voyage of twenty-nine days, at Saint Michael, the party went up the Yukon about one thousand miles, but did not meet with the anticipated success in finding the yellow metal. Disposing, therefore, of his personal outfit, Mr. Brown returned to Corry, having been away four months. Forming soon afterwards a partnership with Henry Cogswell, he was here engaged in the wholesale and retail meat business for two years. Selling out his interest in the firm, Mr. Brown became associated with the Elgin Chair Company, the following two years serving as book-keeper for the organization. In the meantime he had become interested in the lumber business with George Haywang, and at a later time became identified with the Chautauqua Lumber Company, which purchased a large tract of timber in Mina, Chautauqua county, New York, and put up a large saw mill. Mr. Brown was an active factor in the business of that company until its timber in Mina was exhausted. While thus employed Mr. Brown assisted in organizing the Commonwealth Lumber Company, which operated at Glen Ray, West Virginia, and in 1907 became a member of the Augusta Lumber Company, which owns twenty-five thousand acres of timber land near Staunton, Virginia. Now, in 1908, Mr. Brown is operating individually in Corry.

On December 25, 1889, Mr. Brown married Minnie Alice Lemon. She was born in Corry, January 24, 1866, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Hainer) Lemon. Her grandfather, James Lemon, born in

Dover, Canada, February 4, 1788, married Jane Van Sickle, and both spent their lives in Canada. Isaac Lemon, born in Dover, Canada, February 7, 1823, came with his wife to the States, having previously learned the wheelwright's trade. Becoming one of the first settlers of Corry, he bought a tract of land on West Pleasant street, it being covered with timber. He built a house on Union street, and for a few years carried on farming, in the meantime platting a portion of his land, and selling it for house lots. He subsequently spent a year at Panama, being in the government employ. Eventually he sold his Corry farm, and bought one in Concord township, where he resided for awhile. Returning to Corry, he lived here retired until his death, in September, 1898. His wife survived him, passing away July 9, 1908. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Mary, Aleck, Benjamin, Lavina, Amanda, James, Melissa, Merta, and Minnie Alice. Into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown three children have been born, namely: Gertrude, Robert, and Lloyd. Fraternally Mr. Brown is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and of Corry Tent, No. 16, K. O. T. M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ALEXANDER MCINNES SR. A man of activity, enterprise and marked ability, Alexander McInnes Sr., of Corry, holds a noteworthy position among the leading business men of the city, being widely and favorably known as head of the firm of McInnes & Sons. A native of Scotland, he was born, May 14, 1847, at Bowmore, on the island of Islay, Argyleshire, which was also the birthplace of his father, Neil McInnes. He comes from a family of exceptional worth, the McInnes clan being one of the oldest of Scotland, dating back to the fifth century, when this clan owned in its own right the islands of Islay and Jura, in Argyleshire. The name McInnes means in the Scotch vernacular Son of Angus.

John McInnes, grandfather of Mr. McInnes, likewise a native of Argyleshire, was a veterinary surgeon and a blacksmith, and dealt extensively in horses. He made one trip to America, spending a few years in Canada, but not being quite contented in his new home, returned to his native heath, and there spent the remainder of his life. His wife, whose maiden name was Jean Lang, was born in the north of Ireland, and died in Argyleshire.

Becoming a veterinary and blacksmith, Neil McInnes succeeded to the business established by his father, and spent his entire life of sixty-five years in Argyleshire. He married Mary Spaulding, who was likewise a life-long resident of Islay, Scotland, where she lived to the venerable age of ninety years. Her father, Donald Spaulding, was active at the age of one hundred and ten years, and lived beyond that age. Of the union of Neil and Mary (Spaulding) McInnes, eight children were born, as follows: Sarah, John, Mary, Neil, Jean, Elizabeth, Jessie and Alexander. Of these, Neil, Mary and Alexander came to America, and Mary, who resides in Honolulu, and Alexander, of this brief sketch, are the only survivors of the family.

Reared and educated in his native land, Alexander McInnes Sr. began as a boy to learn the blacksmith's trade with his father, with whom he worked until 1866. Venturing then the hazard of new fortunes, he emigrated to this country, and after following his trade in

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for a time, went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, for two or more years working as a blacksmith along the line of road west of Omaha. Returning to Scotland in 1869, he married, and in 1870 returned with his bride to Pittsburg, where he worked at his trade for six years. Locating in Verona, in 1876, Mr. McInnes was there employed in the shops of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company for three years. Resigning, he accepted the position of foreman in the Vulcan Steel Company's Works, near St. Louis, Missouri, and a year later became superintendent of the Helmbeck Forge and Rolling Mill Company, at North St. Louis, where he continued four and one-half years. Entering then the employ of the LaClede Car Company, now the St. Louis Car Company, Mr. McInnes fitted up blacksmith shop connected with the plant, and then resigned to become superintendent of the Carnegie Steel Company, at Pittsburg, a position that he filled acceptably for five years, when he resigned, intending to start in business on his own account. Giving up the enterprise, however, because of the financial depression of the times which soon ensued, Mr. McInnes accepted the offered position of superintendent of the blacksmith department of the Bovaird and Sayfang Manufacturing Company, at Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years. Entering then the employ of the Emporium Steel Company, at Emporium, he started its works, and continued with the firm until it suspended operations. Establishing then the firm of McInnes & Sons, he leased the Emporium Steel Company's plant, and when, two years later, the buildings burned, he and his sons bought the land upon which they stood, rebuilt the plant, and conducted a substantial business there until 1901. Removing then to Corry, this enterprising company has here established a large and extensive business, being one of the most prosperous corporations of the kind in Erie county, the partners of Mr. McInnes being his sons, John J. and Alexander Jr.

Mr. McInnes married, in Lanarkshire, Scotland, Jane Wilson Jarvie, who was born at Bellshill, Scotland, a daughter of John and Mary (Thompson) Jarvie. Their union has been blessed by the birth of eight children, six of whom are living, namely: John J., who married Mabel Cormya; Alexander Jr., married Ruth Ann Chew, and has three children, Paul Alexander, Harold Boyce, and Alfred Charles; Jean W.; Elizabeth, wife of Harry Bruce Smith, of Corry; Sara; and James H. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. McInnes are valued members of the Presbyterian church, and have reared their family in the same faith.

Robert Anderson Patterson Jr. During his active career, Robert A. Patterson Jr. has been identified with various industries, as merchant, real estate dealer, insurance agent, and agriculturist, meeting with recognized success, and is now ably filling the high position he holds among the thriving business men of Corry. A son of Robert Anderson Patterson Sr., he was born, March 9, 1866, in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, of substantial Scotch ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Robert Patterson, was born in Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, Scotland. Becoming an engineer by profession, he was employed in both Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline, spending his last years in

the latter city, dying at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Anderson, was born in Dunfermline, Scotland. She survived her husband, came to America to live with her children after his death, and died in Kingston, Canada, when upwards of four score years old. She reared ten children, namely: Euphemia, Jeanette, Ann, Isabella, James and Christina (twins), Elizabeth, Henry, Robert A., and George. Jeanette, Christina and Henry came to America, locating in Canada, while Isabella, Robert and George, who came, also, to this country, settled in the United States.

Robert Anderson Patterson Sr. was born in Dunfermline, Fifeshire, Scotland, March 14, 1838, and at the age of fourteen years came with his sister Isabella to America, after a voyage of twenty-eight days in a sailing vessel landing in Quebec. Going from there to Kingston, Canada, he found some old friends that he had known in Scotland. He attended school in that place a few months, after which he served an apprenticeship of four years at the blacksmith's trade. He subsequently did journeyman labor in Kingston for two years, after which he followed his trade in different places in Canada and the United States, finally locating in Buffalo, New York, where he remained about three years. In the spring of 1865 he established himself in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and began work in the oil fields. About 1870, accompanied by his family, he went to the lead and zinc regions of Missouri, for four years living in either Granby or Joplin. Returning then to the Pennsylvania oil fields, he resided in Crawford county until 1885, when he located in Erie county, near Corry. Taking up his residence in the city of Corry in 1892, he soon afterwards erected the pleasant home that he has since occupied, it being situated at the corner of Center street and Columbus avenue. He married, in 1864, Ann Amelia Bradley, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 15, 1847, a daughter of John Stephen Bradley. Mr. Bradley was a native of Connecticut, and there learned the trade of a blacksmith and spar maker. After working in various ship-building places, he went to Chicago to take charge of the rigging of a vessel being there built, from there moving, in 1848, to Buffalo, New York. He died in New York in 1852, when but thirty years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria J. Overall, was born in England, and there spent a large part of his life. After the death of his wife, he came with his seven children to New York, and was subsequently engaged in the provision business at Buffalo until his death, in 1860. Mrs. Bradley, Mr. Patterson's grandmother, now eighty-five years of age, is living at Seneca Falls. She reared three children, John Stephen, Ann Amelia, and Clara G. Eight children blessed the union of Robert A. Patterson Sr. and his wife, namely: Robert A. Jr., Charles H., Clara J., George W., Adelbert, Albert, Edith, and LeRoy.

An excellent student, quick to learn, Robert A. Patterson Jr. acquired a practical education in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years began to be self supporting, working as clerk in a drug store at Spring Creek, Warren county, and serving, under his employer, as assistant postmaster. He afterwards became a partner in the business there, and served, during President Harrison's administration, as postmaster. Establishing himself in the mercantile business in Corry in 1892, he conducted a general store for five years, and then sold out. Since that time Mr. Patterson has here been profitably en-

gaged in the real estate and insurance business, in addition being financially interested in various manufacturing industries. He also owns and occupies a valuable farm, of five hundred acres, lying two and one-half miles from the city, and as a general farmer is meeting with most gratifying results, making a specialty of raising stock and poultry.

In September, 1887, Mr. Patterson married Dora Wead. She was born in Union City, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Silas S. and Elizabeth (Rossman) Wead. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have one child, Berenice. Politically Mr. Patterson is a stanch Republican, and has served in various offices of trust and responsibility, having been a member of the city council, of the board of education, and city treasurer. He was elected in the spring of 1909 secretary of the Corry Fair and Driving Park Association, which was incorporated in 1905. Fraternally he belongs to Jonathan Lodge No. 685, I. O. O. F., and religiously both he and Mrs. Patterson are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Captain Marion N. Baker. Among the well known, substantial and respected citizens of Corry is Captain Marion N. Baker, who won his title as commander of a company of the National Guards, and who, for nearly twenty years, has served faithfully as factory inspector. A son of Edwin W. Baker, he was born, October 18, 1845, in Farmersville, Cattaraugus county, New York. He comes from excellent New England stock, his grandfather, David Baker, having been born, reared and educated in Connecticut.

Migrating to New York state in early manhood, David Baker resided for awhile in Chenango county, from there removing with ox teams to Cattaraugus county, the same state. Purchasing a tract of timbered land in what is now Farmersville, he cleared a small space on which to put up a small log house, and with true pioneer pluck and courage began the improvement of a farm. There were no railroads in that locality for many years thereafter, and all the produce had to be taken by teams to Buffalo, the nearest market town, where the farmers traded the products of their soil for such household goods as they must of necessity have. Grain was low then in price, oats bringing scarce twenty cents a bushel, while factory made goods of any kind were very high, a piece of common calico costing forty cents a yard. Was it a wonder that in those days the women spun, carded and made the material in which the entire family was clothed? He cleared a homestead, and there tilled the soil until his death, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Bowen, was born in Connecticut, and died, aged seventy-five years, in Farmersville, New York. They reared seven children, as follows: Chauncey, Ira, Caroline, Emily, Tilly, Cyrus, and Edwin W.

Born in 1808, in Smyrna, Chenango county, New York, Edwin W. Baker was but a boy when he moved with his parents to Cattaraugus county, where for awhile he assisted in improving the home farm. After learning the carpenter's trade, he, at the age of nineteen years, bought his time of his father for one hundred dollars. Coming then to Warren county, Pennsylvania, he settled as a pioneer in Columbus, where he worked at his trade a part of the time, and in a saw mill

a portion of the time. He subsequently rented the mill, which was run by water power, and for two years operated it, rafting his lumber to Wheeling, where he sold it. Being, however, cheated out of the proceeds by a dishonest lumber dealer, his entire work for two years was lost. He subsequently followed his trade there a few years, remaining there until 1836, when he returned to Farmersville. Assuming the management of the home farm, he cared for his parents as long as they lived, and at their death succeeding to the ownership of the estate, was there profitably employed in agricultural pursuits until his death, in April, 1895. He married Maria T. Stacy, who was born in Hamilton, Madison county, N. Y., in 1809, and died on the homestead, in Farmersville, N. Y., at the comparatively early age of fifty-one years. Her father, Rev. Nathaniel Stacy, was born in Vermont, of Scotch parentage. A man of upright integrity and worth, he was by nature deeply religious, and became one of the early Universalist preachers, settling as a pioneer minister of that denomination in Hamilton, New York. He afterwards removed to Columbus, Pennsylvania, where he was likewise a pioneer, and there, with the exception of three years spent at Ann Arbor, Michigan, preached during the remainder of his active career, being prominent in the ministry until nearly the end of his life, passing away at the advanced age of ninety-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Clark, was born in Vermont, and died in Columbus, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty-nine years. To them eight children were born and reared, namely: Haskell, Maria, Susan, Edwin, Mary, Walter, Charlotte, and Clara. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Baker were the parents of two children, Mary, and Marion N. Mary, widow of the late Hiram M. Lawrence, of Farmersville, New York, has one son living, Frank Lawrence, and has lost two, Edwin and Mertie.

Obtaining a practical education in the common schools, Marion N. Baker began when young to assist in the farm labors, remaining with his parents until after the breaking out of the Civil war. On September 3, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth New York Volunteer Infantry, went South with his regiment, and was with it in all of its campaigns and marches, taking part in the battle at Hatcher's Run, the various engagements around Petersburg, and in the Southside expedition, being in the front line when General Mead rode along giving to the soldiers the news of Lee's surrender. Then, after taking part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he received his honorable discharge from the service, and returned home, and resumed farming. Coming from Farmersville, New York, to Corry, in 1868, he first found employment in a wood-working shop, but subsequently learned the jeweler's trade, which he followed for a time. Becoming a member of the Seventeenth Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, in 1874, he was commissioned sergeant, and a short time later was made first sergeant of Company A, and for ten years served in that capacity. He was then elected captain of the company, of which he had command the next ten years. In 1889 Captain Baker was appointed, by Governor Beaver, factory inspector, and has since been reappointed to this position by each succeeding governor, his service as such extending over a period of twenty successive years bespeaking in no uncertain tones of his ability, fidelity and efficiency.

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Captain Baker married, in September, 1866, Estella Smith, who was born in Columbus, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Ozro and Charlotte (Stacy) Smith. She died at the age of thirty-one years, leaving one son, Stacy Baker. Captain Baker married second, Mrs. Nellie (Gilbert) Caldwell, who was born in Ontario county, New York, and married for her first husband Bird Caldwell. In his political affiliations the Captain is a straightforward Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the J. J. Andrew Post, No. 70, G. A. R., of Corry, and of Corry Tent, No. 16, K. O. T. M.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE. The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C. SS. R.), whose members are called Redemptorists, is a religious order of missionaries founded at Scala in the kingdom of Naples in 1732, by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, Bishop of St. Agatha and Doctor of the Church. The first Redemptorists came to this country in 1832, and up to the present year (1909) have founded forty-four houses in the United States and Canada.

For many years the Congregation in America had no institution to prepare new members for the Order. The means taken to supply this want gave origin to the Preparatory College, now known as St. Mary's College at North East.

In 1847, at Baltimore, the Redemptorist Fathers sought to provide future members for their order by instructing a small class of boys whose inclinations seemed to indicate a calling to the priesthood and to the religious life. In 1856 this class developed into a day school for boys who felt inspired to become Redemptorists. In 1867 this day school was in turn formed into St. Alphonsus' Academy by the Very Rev. Provincial J. Helmpraecht. Rev. J. N. Berger was the first Director of this Academy.

In May 1868, Rev. Joseph Firley succeeded Father Berger, and in the following July, Rev. Joseph Wuest was appointed Director. The latter is considered the real founder of St. Mary's Preparatory College. His energetic coadjutor was Rev. Thaddeus Anwander. They introduced the complete classical course of a regular college. For this purpose the garret of St. James' School at Baltimore was fitted up and opened on April 29, 1869, under the name of St. James' College. In September 1869, forty-eight pupils were present; the faculty was increased by the addition of Professor August Messler, who taught at the College for 35 years, when death came unexpectedly, August 18, 1904.

In September 1871 there were over eighty pupils on the roll. The next step in the progress of the College was its removal to Ilchester, near Baltimore, where a large stone house had become the property of the Redemptorists. A frame building was added and both became known as St. Clement's College.

In 1873 Father Wuest was relieved of the heavy burden as Director of the College, and was succeeded by Rev. Father Stuhl. The latter served to July, 1875, his successor being Rev. George J. Dusold. Rev. Joseph M. Schwarz became Director in December, 1877, and during his term the College was removed to North East in 1881.

During the sixties there had been established at North East, under the auspices of the Methodist church, a seminary for the education of young people. The site chosen was on a part of the property of an old North East family named Hall, and lay on the northern limits of the borough. The building was begun in 1867, and the cornerstone

laid in October, 1868. The erection of the institution cost $70,000, a sum too large for the Methodists to carry. The Presbyterians therefore joined them in the undertaking, and for some years prosperity seemed to attend the institution. The Lake Shore Seminary was chartered as "a literary institution of high grade at which males and females may pursue and complete a course of study embracing English branches, ancient and modern languages, mathematics, metaphysics, music, drawing, painting, and the science and art of teaching." The Presbyterians soon became dissatisfied with the joint management and withdrew, after which the Seminary was so harassed by debt, that it was finally closed. The trustees at one time tried to get the United States government to take over the property and use it for an Indian school. Finally the ground and buildings were sold, in satisfaction of the debts, to the North East Savings Bank.

Meantime the Preparatory College at Ilchester had reached a point where it demanded larger and better accommodations. The removal of the institution having been decided upon, a chance visit to Erie, by one of the Redemptorist missionaries, Rev. A. J. McInerney, brought the news about the desirable property at North East. The papers which concluded the sale of the buildings and five acres of land to the Redemptorist Fathers were signed January 31, 1881.

With the opening of the first term at North East, in August, 1881, the Preparatory College entered upon a new period of existence. This new period was inaugurated on August 2nd, by the solemn dedication of the building, the Lake Shore Seminary, henceforth to be known as St. Mary's College. The Preparatory College was no longer an idea, an experiment; it was an institution that had been taken up into the life and activity of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, of which it was now recognized as a necessary part. The nature and ideals of the institution had been stated by Father Helmpraecht some ten years before, and the objects and principles then laid down have been faithfully pursued. "The institute is to be of such a nature as to impart both moral and scientific training. The moral training is to imbue the scholars thoroughly with the spirit of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. The scientific training shall embrace the usual classical course, and must be formally completed before a student can enter the novitiate. The first and most essential requirements for admission of students to the college are: That they have a sincere desire to become Redemptorists, and that they give promise of future usefulness. The pupils shall be made to understand that all their learning, however necessary, is little better than useless, if it goes not hand in hand with virtue."

The old seminary building was a two-story brick structure, 168 feet long by 60 feet wide, with mansard roof and twin towers. The edifice presents practically the same external appearance that it did in 1881. In the interior, however, the changes have been so extensive that scarcely a vestige of the old building remains. The surrounding grounds have also been greatly changed and extended. The original property of the College was increased in 1887 by the purchase of the Hall property, some twelve acres, on the west side of Pearl Street, now the College campus. A little later during the same year, the Hitchcock property, east of the college, containing two and a half acres with a residence in the midst of a pretty grove, was added to the grounds. From 1887-1891 two lower classes of St. Mary's College formed St. Clement's College at Saratoga Springs, New York. When they returned to North East the

accommodations became limited, and in 1893 plans were made for the erection of a faculty building. The cornerstone was laid on November 19, 1893, and in August, 1894, the new building was dedicated. In June, 1896, the "Mills property," fronting on Lake and Seminary Streets, was purchased. In 1900 an electric power house was erected. On June 25, 1901, the cornerstone was laid for the College Chapel, a beautiful Gothic structure, built of granite with sandstone trimmings. The altars, windows, statuary and decorative work of the interior are products of the best artistic taste and work, and a source of constant inspiration to ecclesiastical students.

In 1884 the Superior of St. Mary's was raised to the rank of Rector and Father Schwarz, whose labors as Superior of the College, both before and after its removal to North East, entitled him to highest praise, was appointed its first Rector. He continued in this office during two terms, until July, 1890, when he was transferred to take charge of a similar college in the Western Province of the Redemptorist Fathers, at Kirkwood, Missouri. Rev. August Dooper was the second Rector at St. Mary's, and was succeeded in 1898 by Rev. Casper G. Ritter. In May, 1901, Rev. John G. Schneider became Rector. Rev. Francis Auth, the present Rector, was appointed in May, 1904, and it was during his term that the Silver Jubilee of St. Mary's was celebrated.

We deem no excuse necessary for inserting here a brief sketch of the jubilee, since the glorious success, which attended it in every detail, due as it was in no slight measure to the whole-souled efforts and enthusiastic participation of the good people of North East, merits lasting and grateful recognition in the pages of the annals of Erie county.

Some idea of the character of the Jubilee and attendant festivities may be gleaned from the utterances of North East and Erie papers on the occasion. The Erie *Herald* of May 31, 1906, well says: "The celebration of the Silver Jubilee of St. Mary's College yesterday, made the day one of the greatest in the history of the thriving and bustling little village of North East and a day, in the events of which many people and a number of organizations from Erie participated. The village was in festival attire. The houses were, practically without exception, decorated with the nation's emblem, with bunting and in many instances with some insignia of the Church, while the places of business were an uninterrupted mass of decorations. North East, always a particularly pretty and delightful little hamlet, was for the nonce transformed into a city in so far as population was concerned. The celebration drew thousands of outsiders to the village, a railroad man, when the crowd was densest, estimating and apparently most conservatively, that there were between 6,000 and 7,000 visitors within the gates of the town."

The following items taken from the North East *Advertiser* of June 1, 1906, give the reader an idea of the nature of the jubilee festivities: "The Jubilee exercises began in the College Chapel at ten o'clock with Solemn Pontificial Mass by Rt. Rev. John E. Fitz-Maurice, Bishop of Erie. The sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, Bishop of Rochester. Prominent in attendance were His Excellency Most Rev. Diomede Falconio, the Apostolic Delegate, from Washington, D. C., Rt. Rev. Ignatius Horstmann, D. D., Bishop of Cleveland, and Rt. Rev. Chas. H. Colton, D. D., Bishop of Buffalo, six Rt. Rev. Monsignori, and one hundred and five priests."

The civic program in the afternoon was enjoyed by a multitude of people. It comprised a competition drill between the Erie and Roch-

ester Knights. Then followed an exhibition of militia maneuvers and a sham battle by a company of Dunkirk militia. After this came the parade which, as the North East *Breeze* expresses it, was "the most elaborate and grandest spectacle ever witnessed in North East or Erie county. This was the verdict of citizens, visitors and all." To conclude in the words of the North East *Sun* "the affair was a success from beginning to end and one of the greatest days North East ever had." The weather was ideal and never did the beautiful College Green and its picturesque grounds present a more lovely or attractive appearance than that, which greeted the thousands of admiring visitors on that last day of May. Truly they must have seemed to them, as the North East *Sun* puts it, "the finest grounds within seventy-five miles of North East," or as another paper expressed it, "between Buffalo and Chicago!"

Marvin Wight. A well known and highly esteemed resident of Corry, Pennsylvania, Marvin Wight served his country bravely during the Civil war, and has since, just as earnestly and sincerely, performed the duties devolving upon him as an individual, and a law-abiding citizen. He was born, July 11, 1839, in Centerville, Allegany county, New York, a son of Benjamin Wight, and grandson of Daniel Wight. The emigrant ancestor of the family from which he is descended was born on the Isle of Wight, in the English Channel, from there coming, in 1632, to America.

Levi Wight, Mr. Wight's great-grandfather, migrated to New York state in pioneer days, in company with a band of people composed of his seven sons, three daughters, and their families, and some of their neighbors and friends, locating in what is now Centerville, Allegany county. Purchasing a large tract of timbered land, these pioneers improved farms from the wilderness, in the course of a few years building up the prosperous little hamlet known throughout that locality as the "Wight Settlement." Daniel Wight, born, it is thought, in Oppenheim, New York, moved with his father and brothers and sisters to Allegany county, and on the land that he bought erected a log house for a dwelling, and one for a work shop. He was a natural mechanic, and in addition to improving and tilling his land, he made pails and barrels, and also made the first grain cradles manufactured in Western New York. He was patriotic, and served in the War of 1812. He married Mary Hewitt, who was born, probably, in Montgomery county, New York, the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. Both he and his wife died on their farm, in Centerville.

Born in Oppenheim, New York, August 30, 1813, Benjamin Wight was seven years old when the family removed to Allegany county. The country roundabout was then in its pristine wildness, deer, bears and wolves being plentiful, while the native Indians still made their home in the forests. On attaining his majority he married and lived in the same log house with his brother and sister, a frame addition being added, and afterwards, in addition to clearing the land and tilling the soil, worked during the winter seasons at the blacksmith's trade. Trading his land, in 1850, for forty acres of land in Higgins, the same township, he resided there until 1882. Coming then to Corry, he lived here, retired from active pursuits, until his death, in 1891. He married Jerusha Lyon, a daughter of James and Sarah (Brewer) Lyon, natives of the Mohawk valley, and of English and Dutch an-

cestry, respectively. She was born, September 17, 1815, in Oppenheim, New York, and died, in 1899, in Corry. She reared eight children, namely: Marvin, Daniel, Edwin, Clinton, Orrissa, Melinda, Wesley, and Emery. The three older sons were all soldiers in the Civil war.

Until seventeen years old, Marvin Wight assisted his father in the care of homestead, and in the shop, the following five years working as a farm hand in different places. On September 11, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Fifth New York Cavalry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Going to the front with his command, he fought at the second battle of Bull Run, at the battle of Gettysburg, and in many others of importance. At Hopewell Gap, October 17, 1863, he was taken prisoner, and confined at Belle Isle until March, 1864, then, after spending two months in the parole camp, was exchanged. Joining his regiment, he was honorably discharged, in October, 1864, on account of the expiration of his term of enlistment. In 1865 Mr. Wight located in Columbus, Warren county, and two years later went to Chillicothe, Missouri, which was his home for three and one-half years. Coming then to Corry, he was here employed as a wood turner until 1881, when he went to Rockford, Illinois, where for twenty-one years he was engaged in the business of wood-turning and pattern-making. Returning in 1902 to Corry, he has since resided in this city.

Mr. Wight married, October 16, 1866, Louisa U. Bracken. She was born in Columbus, Warren county Pennsylvania, August 10, 1846, a daughter of George W. and Angeline Bracken, of whom further notice may be found on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of C. H. Bracken. Mr. and Mrs. Wight have one daughter, Nellie E. Broad and liberal in their religious beliefs, Mr. and Mrs. Wight are Universalists. Mr. Wight is a member of J. J. Andrews Post, No. 70, G. A. R.

Byron Homer Phelps, M. D. During the many years that Dr. Byron Homer Phelps has been located at Corry, he has had ample opportunity for practicing his profession, his patronage being extensive, and has met with gratifying results as a physician and surgeon, ranking among the leading practitioners of this locality. A son of Truman Oliver Phelps, he was born, March 16, 1844, in Williamsfield, Ashtabula county, Ohio, coming from substantial New England stock.

Lyman Phelps, the doctor's grandfather, was a native, it is supposed, of Connecticut. Removing in pioneer days to Trumbull county, Ohio, he journeyed across the country with ox teams to Hartford township, where for a number of years he was employed in clearing and tilling the soil. Going from there to Ashtabula county, he bought a tract of wild land in Williamsfield township, and there resided until his death, when in his ninety-first year. He married Sophia Holcomb, who was born in Connecticut, and died, on the same day that he did, in Williamsfield township, aged eighty-six years. Of their children, five grew to mature life, namely: Truman Oliver, Lyman, Mary, Sophia, and Ann.

Born near Granby, Connecticut, Truman O. Phelps was but a boy when his parents removed to Hartford township, Ohio, where he

subsequently served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. Going to Williamsfield, Ohio, at the same time that his parents did, he bought fifty acres of land adjoining that purchased by his father, and there in addition to following his trade superintended the clearing and improving of a farm. Subsequently selling that property, he removed to Andover, Ashtabula county, where he lived retired until his death, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Gardner, was born in Massachusetts, moved with her parents to Trumbull county, Ohio, when a girl, and died in Andover, Ohio, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Of their union seven children were born, as follows: Norris T., Obed K., Byron Homer, Charles H., Addison B., Lyman C., and Sophia M. Three of their sons served in the Civil war. Charles H. went to Pennsylvania at the age of fourteen years, and there enlisted as a drummer boy in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Being captured by the Confederates at the second battle of Fredericksburg, he was confined in Belle Isle, Andersonville, and other Southern prisons for a year, after which he was exchanged. Joining then his command, he served until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge. Byron Homer, at the age of seventeen years, and his brother, Obed K., who was a little older, enlisted in Company C, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, went to the front with their regiment, and participated in many engagements of importance, including among others those at Winchester, Cedar Mountain, and Port Republic. In the fall of 1862, Byron Homer was taken ill, and after being for awhile in the hospital, joined his regiment at Dumfries, Virginia, but in the spring of 1863 he was honorably discharged from the service on account of physical disability.

Having saved his earnings, Byron H. Phelps used it in paying his expenses for two years at the Austinburg Academy. He subsequently taught several terms of school, in the meantime working during the vacations in the harvest field, and when he had money enough to warrant him in so doing, entered the Kingsville Academy, from which he was graduated in 1867. The ensuing two years he was one of the instructors in the academy at Springfield, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he began reading medicine. Entering the office of Dr. Webster, in Kingsville, Ohio, in 1869, he continued his studies for a time, after which he went to Cleveland, where, in 1871, he was graduated from the Medical Department of the Western Reserve College with the degree of M. D. Beginning the practice of his chosen profession at Wayne, Ashtabula county, Ohio, he remained there four years, after which he was located for some time in Orwell, Ohio. Coming to Corry, in 1880, the doctor has here built up an extensive and lucrative practice, his professional skill and knowledge being well known and highly appreciated.

Doctor Phelps has been twice married. He married first, December 23, 1866, at Amboy, Ohio, Philena C. Greenlee, who was born at that place, a daughter of Jacob and Rachel (————) Greenlee. She died in Orwell, Ohio, February 11, 1878. Dr. Phelps married second, April 16, 1879, Alice C. Dungan, a daughter of Joseph and Amelia (————) Dungan. The doctor had one son, Truman Otis, by his first marriage, and one son, Paul, by his second union. Truman Otis, a jeweler in Bradford, married Velna Gibbs. Paul is a student in the

Corry high school. Fraternally the doctor belongs to the J. J. Andrews Post, No. 70, G. A. R., and is a member of the Masonic Order. Taking genuine interest in the welfare of city and county, he has never shirked the responsibilities of public office, but has served as mayor of Corry, as a member of the local school board, as a member of the United States Board of Examiners, and is now one of the Corry Hospital Staff.

JOHN M. MCLAUGHLIN stands at the head of the North East Preserving Works, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the state. He was born in Mooreheadville, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1870, a son of John N. and Sophia (Bran) McLaughlin. His paternal grandfather, John McLaughlin, came from his native land of Ireland to the United States in 1825, and he established his home in Pennsylvania. Thomas Bran, the maternal grandfather, was a native of old England, but came to the United States and to Pennsylvania in 1820, and ten years afterward, in 1830, bought land from the government in Mooreheadville. He died at the good old age of ninety-three years. John N. McLaughlin and Sophia Bran married and located at Mooreheadville, but they had previously resided in McKean, this state. He died on the 22d of April, 1902, in North East, where he had lived since 1895, and his wife survived only until the 15th of May, 1903.

John M. McLaughlin, the tenth born of their twelve children, nine now living, attended in his early life the district schools, and when he had attained the age of twenty-two years he left his parents' home and with two brothers, William J. and George, engaged in the grocery business in North East, he succeeding his brother Frank in the business. He continued as a grocery merchant from the 1st of January, 1893, until the 1st of January, 1902, when he sold his interest to his brother George. In 1900, with Henry G. Fink, of Erie, Pennsylvania, he bought the North East Preserving Works. The factory consists of two buildings, one twenty-four by one hundred and eighty feet, two-stories in height, and the other is a one story building, forty by eighty feet. Since the purchase they have added to the building until the floor space is fifty thousand square feet, and the works have a capacity of two hundred and ten cans of fruits and vegetables a minute. During the busy seasons they furnish employment to from two hundred and twenty-five to three hundred employes. They can all fruits and vegetables grown in this section of the country, and they ship their goods from the New England states to Duluth, Minnesota. They have also become the owners of the Sherman Canning and Preserving Company at Sherman, Chautauqua county, New York, which they purchased in the spring of 1908, and Messrs. Fink and McLaughlin are its sole proprietors. They also lease land and raise factory products, having received as high as thirty-five hundred bushels of tomatoes in a day.

Mr. McLaughlin is a member of U. C. T. No. 216, of Erie, and also of the B. P. O. E. No. 67, at Erie. Religiously he is a member of St. Gregory's church.

Mr. H. G. Fink is one of Erie's most successful business men, and while he still resides in Erie, makes frequent visits to his North East interests.

Henry Hausmann Sr., of Erie, who is the largest manufacturer of costumes, uniforms and lodge paraphernalia in northern Pennsylvania, has established and developed his business by ceaseless energy and industry and the application of sound and honorable principles. A native of Hesse, Germany, he was born July 7, 1857, and is a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Nusbickel) Hausmann, also natives of that section of the fatherland. The father was for many years a manufacturer of hats and a dealer in furs, and was thus engaged at the time of his death in Germany, in 1858. In 1866 his widow emigrated to Erie, bringing her three sons, Charles (now deceased), Philip and Henry. When he thus located in that city, Henry Hausmann was able to read and write German but not English, and spent the following two years in the public schools mastering the common tongue of his adopted country. When he was little more than eleven years old, however, he was obliged to drop his schooling and go to work as a bundle boy in George Becker's drygoods store on Peach and Sixteenth streets. He was connected with this establishment until 1876, and was then able to complete his education at the Erie Academy. He next spent four years with H. A. Walther and Nathan Cohen, and then became identified with the drygoods house of F. Walther for a period of seventeen years. In 1878 Mr. Hausmann entered the mercantile field as an independent merchant and began to deal in costumes on his own account. Starting with a dozen masquerading outfits he met, first the local competition, and then that of houses in Buffalo and Cleveland, but his honest, tasteful workmanship and straightforward dealings finally "won out." As the enterprise enlarged he was obliged to receive his brother Charles into partnership, and, under the title Hausmann Brothers, they conducted the business until 1890, their store being on State street between Eleventh and Twelfth. In 1893 Mr. Hausmann erected a factory on East Eighteenth street, considerably enlarging the enterprise, and three years later began the manufacture of lodge paraphernalia, regalia, badges, banners and uniforms for bands and foremen. Still broadening the scope of his trade, he included the manufacture of all kinds of interior and exterior decorations, and his business relations now embrace the entire country, especially in the line of secret order supplies. His average stock of goods is now valued at ten thousand dollars, and he is also the owner of his factory site at Nos. 177-9 East Eighteenth street and an elegant residence on the adjoining property.

Although hard pressed with business affairs, Mr. Hausmann takes time to devote to the public affairs of the city. In 1885 he was elected a member of the city council from the Sixth ward, and faithfulness and value of his services fully earned him his re-election in 1886. Later he removed to the Fifth ward and in 1890 was returned to the council by the voters of that community. During his incumbency he was instrumental in having Eighteenth street paved from Peach to Parade and in effecting a number of other improvements. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce; is a Mason and an Odd Fellow (Encampment, Canton and Rebekas), and for the past ten years has been record-keeper of the Maccabees. As he is among the leading German-Americans of Erie, he naturally belongs to the Erie Maennerchor and the South Erie Turn Verein. In a word, Mr. Hausmann is a vital asset to the commercial life of the city, and in his social and

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domestic relations sustains his honorable character, which has been so signally manifested in the practical and hard-fought field of business. On the 30th of April, 1885, Mr. Hausmann was united in marriage with Miss Lucretia Loesel, of Erie, daughter of Frederick Loesel, the details concerning her family appearing in connection with the biography of Charles F. Loesel. Mr. and Mrs. Hausmann have one daughter, Emma, whose birth occurred in 1886 and who wedded Dr. Carl Kirschner, a leading physician, on February 3, 1907.

CHARLES A. MERTENS. Numbered among the representative younger members of the bar of Erie county, Mr. Mertens is engaged in the successful practice of his profession in his native city of Erie, to which he has shown a son's unselfish loyalty and in which his popularity is of the most unequivocal type. He has represented his native county in the state legislature, and is one of the wheel-horses of the Republican party in this section of the old Keystone state.

Charles A. Mertens was born in the First ward of the city and Erie, on the 30th of May, 1875, and is a son of August and Louise (Ester) Mertens, both natives of Germany, whence they came to America when young. Their marriage was solemnized in Erie, where they still maintain their home and are held in high esteem by all who know them. Charles A. Mertens duly availed himself of the advantages of the excellent public schools of the city of Erie, and was graduated in the high school as a member of the class of 1893. In the following year he began reading law in the office of H. J. Curtze, of Erie, and he showed marked facility in the accumulation and assimilation of knowledge of the science of jurisprudence. In 1897 he was admitted to the bar of his native county, and since that time he has been admitted to practice in the state and federal courts. After being admitted to the bar he continued to be associated in practice with his former preceptor, Mr. Curtze, until 1903, since which time he has conducted an individual professional business, with offices at 14 East Eighth street. He has shown distinctive ability as a trial lawyer and has proved a safe and conservative counsel, as he has a wide and accurate knowledge of the minutiae of the law and continues a close and appreciative student of his profession. His practice runs extensively into the line of real estate and Orphans' court practice on which subject he is considered an authority.

Mr. Mertens has ever manifested a zealous interest in the cause of the Republican party, and in its behalf has rendered effective service. In 1900-1 he represented Erie county in the state legislature, where he made an excellent record as a careful and conscientious worker for effective legislation. In 1904-5 he was chairman of the Republican central committee of Erie county, and during the incumbency of this position he showed much ability and discrimination in marshaling the forces at his command. He and his wife hold membership in St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran church, and he is identified with the Erie Board of Trade, the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Country Club and other social organizations in his home city. His parents are valued members of Salem Evangelical Lutheran church, with which they have been identified for many years. His father is an old and valued employe of Jarecki Manufacturing Company, with which great industrial concern he has been identified from the time of its organization.

In 1902 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Mertens to Miss Anna Claus, daughter of Henry V. Claus, who was a representative citizen

of Erie, where he continued to reside until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Mertens have three children,—Frances Louise, Charles A., Jr., and Adolph A.

ARETAS P. MOUNT. Artistic in his tastes, endowed by nature with mechanical gifts of a high order, and at the same time being an expert in the use of tools, Aretas P. Mount, of Corry, occupies a position of prominence and influence among the foremost architects of Western Pennsylvania. Possessing good judgment, and having a thorough knowledge of his profession, he is kept busily employed, as a designer, drawing up plans for dwelling houses, stores, churches and large public buildings, his reputation for satisfactory work in that line being well established, and far extended. A son of William Mount, he was born, October 23, 1851, at Cherrycreek, Chautauqua county, New York.

Thomas Mount, grandfather of Aretas P. Mount, was born, bred and educated in New Jersey, where in early life he operated a distillery. Realizing, however, the evils of intemperance, he gave up the business, putting the distillery out of commission, and moved to Montgomery county, New York, living for a time at Ames. Going from there to Cherrycreek, New York, he bought land that was in its original wildness, and having improved a good homestead, lived there until his death, in 1881, at the venerable age of ninety-nine years, having almost rounded out a full century of life. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Chamberlain, died in 1850. She bore him fifteen children, thirteen of whom married, and reared children.

Born in Ames, New York, October 3, 1829, William Mount began when but a youth to learn the carpenter's trade, working with an older brother. From 1852 until 1864, he was engaged in farming at Cherrycreek. Subsequently entering the employ of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company, he was for a number of years superintendent of its carpentry department, residing in Urbana, Ohio, until 1871. Locating then in Corry, he was here engaged as a contractor and builder during the remainder of his active life, and died in this city, in December, 1896. He married, October 24, 1850, Mary Frost, who was born in Chautauqua county, New York, in 1830. Her father, George Frost, an early settler of Chautauqua county, was a man of much energy and ambition, and was actively identified during his long life with numerous enterprises in that locality, being in turn farmer, hotel keeper, and merchant. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Mount, as follows: Aretas P., Emeline, and Ritta.

After completing his early education, Aretas P. Mount followed the bent of his natural inclinations in developing his mechanical talents, beginning life for himself as a contractor and builder, and later as an architect. Mr. Mount has been eminently successful in all of his undertakings, as an architect winning honor and distinction. Many of the handsomest and most substantial residences and public buildings of Erie county are the work of his brains and hands, and bear visable evidence of his architectural knowledge and skill. To him was awarded, by the state board, the contract to draw the plans, and superintend the construction, of the armories at both Corry, Warren and Grove City, his ability as an architect being thus publicly recognized.

On September 9, 1875, Mr. Mount married Kate L. Wetmore. She was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Augustus and Catherine (Kidder) Wetmore, both of whom were of honored New England ancestry, descendants of families there prominent in early colonial days. Mr. and Mrs. Mount are the parents of three children, namely: William P., Jewell E., and Clarence. William P. married Lida Vincent, and their only child died in infancy. Clarence A., married Cora West, and they have one son, Richard P. Mr. and Mrs. Mount are consistent Christians, and worthy members of the Baptist church. Fraternally Mr. Mount belongs to Corry Lodge, No. 470, K. P., and to Corry Court of Foresters.

Thomas B. McCray. Distinguished not only for his life record of honesty and integrity, but for his valiant services as a soldier during the Civil war, Thomas B. McCray, of Corry, is especially deserving of more than passing mention in a work of this character. A son of Joseph McCray, he was born in Concord township, Erie county, February 25, 1841. He comes of excellent Scotch ancestry, his grandfather, James McCray, having been a native of Scotland.

Emigrating to America, the land of great promise, James Mc Cray was one of the pioneer settlers of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he lived a number of years, taking while there, an active part in developing the agricultural resources of that part of the state. From there he came overland to Erie county, his wife bringing one of the children on horseback. Locating in what is now Concord township, he purchased a tract of timber from the Holland Land Company, cleared a space, and there built a log house for himself and family. There were then neither railways nor canals in the country, and there being no convenient markets, all supplies for the household and farm were brought from Pittsburg by teams. The pioneers of those days used to burn timber, and with the ashes make black salts, the only product that could be sold for cash. In after years, when they began raising cattle in large numbers, all of the stock had to be driven either to Philadelphia or New York to be sold. On the farm that he improved from the wilderness, James McCray spent his later years of life, contented and happy. To him and his wife, six children were born, as follows: Joseph, George, William, James, John, and Ellen.

Born in 1794, in Washington county, Joseph McCray was reared among pioneer scenes, as a boy doing much pioneer labor on the parental homestead. While yet in his teens, he enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, and afterwards served for a time in the regular army, being stationed on the Western frontier. On receiving his discharge from the army, he returned home, and engaged in farming and lumbering, rafting the logs down the rivers. On one of his river trips, he stopped awhile in Kentucky, and there married. Settling in Bracken county, that state, he continued his agricultural labors. A few years later his wife died of cholera, leaving an infant son, George McCray, who was reared by a Mr. and Mrs. Parks, and is still a resident of Kentucky. Returning to Pennsylvania after the death of his wife, Joseph McCray lived for awhile near Titusville, from there coming back to Erie county. Buying timber land in Concord township, he erected good buildings, cleared and improved a valuable farm, and there resided until his death, at the age of ninety years. He married for his second wife, Sarah J. Scott, a native of Ireland. Her father, Thomas

Scott, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry. Coming with his family to this country, he settled as a pioneer in Crawford county, where he redeemed a farm from the wilderness, as a tiller of the soil becoming quite successful. Mrs. Sarah J. (Scott) McCray died on the home farm at the good old age of four score and four years. She reared five sons, James, Thomas B., John, Josiah, and William.

Receiving a good common school education, Thomas B. McCray also acquired a substantial knowledge of the various branches of agriculture while working with his father. In 1861, at the first call for volunteers, he enlisted in Company F, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served for three months under Captain Morgan, being on duty at Pittsburg. Being then honorably discharged from the army, he returned home, and on August 13, 1862, enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Going south with his regiment, he arrived at Antietam just at the close of the memorable battle there fought. Subsequently, with the exception of the time that he was confined in the hospital, Mr. McCray continued with his regiment, taking part in many important engagements, among them being the battles of Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, those of the Wilderness, and the battle of Spottsylvania. He was wounded at Gettysburg, and again at Spottsylvania, where his lower jaw was shattered, and his tongue badly cut. The greater part of the jaw had to be removed, and it was a long time before he could talk. In October, 1864, he received his honorable discharge from the service, and returned home. As soon as he was able to do anything, Mr. McCray was elected constable and collector, and served two years. Turning then his attention to agriculture, he bought the interest of his brothers in the old home farm, in Concord township, and there carried on farming and stock raising until 1902. In that year he erected a house on Center street, Corry, where he has since lived retired from active pursuits.

Mr. McCray married, in May, 1886, Carrie G. Parsons, a native of Concord township. Her father, Henry Parsons was born, June 11, 1842, on the Atlantic Ocean, while his parents, James and Ann (Roberts) Parsons, were en route to this country. Mr. Parsons was born in England, and his wife in Wales, and both died in Concord township, Erie county, on the farm which they cleared and improved. Coming to Erie county in 1842, James Parsons lived there until 1849, when he had an acute attack of the gold fever. With a companion, he started on foot for California. His companion died while on the way, but he pushed on across the dreary plains, at the end of several months arriving at his point of destination. Not meeting with the anticipated success in his mining operations, he turned to Erie county, and until his death was engaged in farming in Concord township. In July, 1861, offering his services to his country, Henry Parsons enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and with his comrades participated in several engagements, one of the more prominent having been that at Cedar Mountain. In 1863 he was honorably discharged on account of disability, returned home, and soon began to learn the carpenter's trade. He followed his trade awhile, after which he engaged in farming for a number of seasons. Locating in Corry in 1895, he resumed his trade, working as a car-

penter until failing health compelled him to give up active labor, and he is now living in this city, retired from business pursuits. The maiden name of his wife was Martha McCray. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. McCray six children have been born, namely: Parke, Webb, Reed, Scott, Miles, and Evelyn, who died, December 4, 1906, aged four years, two months and eleven days.

Garrett Smith Henry. The home of Garrett S. Henry is one of the old ancestral places of Erie county, and he is a member of one of its earliest and best known families. Robert Henry, his grandfather, came from his native land of Ireland to the United States and located in western Mill Creek township in 1799, buying a farm there, and his mother and her sister lie buried on that old place, now known as the Halderman farm. After a time he sold that land and bought the farm of fifty acres in Harbor Creek township which was the birthplace of his son and grandson, and where he spent the remainder of his life and died in 1847. His son Franklin was born there, but in 1869 he left the farm and during the following sixteen years was the lighthouse keeper on Presque Isle. His home from that time forward was at Wesleyville, but he continued the work of the old farm until his death in October of 1889. Garrett Smith was his only child by his first marriage to Martha Long, who died in October of 1865, and he afterward married Alvira Frasier, who was born in Girard, Trumbull county, Ohio, and they had eight children: Paul and Edith, twins, John Brown, Mary, Melvin and Mable, twins, Robert and Nellie, twins.

Garrett S. Henry was born January 26, 1862, in the old home in Harbor Creek township, where his grandfather had spent so many years of his life, and which was also the birthplace of his father. His mother died in his babyhood, and he was given to his paternal grandmother, who tenderly reared and cared for him. On the 7th of March, 1885, he moved to the farm of seventy-two acres adjoining the old home place on the north, inheriting the land, and in 1892 he began selling milk in the city of Erie. On the 19th of December, 1899, he became one of the charter members of the Erie County Milk Association, and his stock therein allows him to put one hundred and sixteen and two-thirds quarts of milk in the association. He raises on his farm only the crops necessary for his dairy purposes.

On the 3d of October, 1881, Mr. Henry was married to Sarah A. Ripley, who was born in Greene township, Erie county, a daughter of David and Mary Ann (Kuhl) Ripley, also from that township, and a granddaughter of David Ripley and Peter and Susan (Fry) Kuhl, all from Lancaster county. The children of this union are Robert H., Clarence and Roy B. Clarence is attending the Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Henry is a Prohibitionist in his political affiliations, and he has served as a school director and is a member of the Protected Home Circle, at Wesleyville.

Thomas D. Finch. Among the citizens of Corry that have accumulated a competency through their own individual efforts, and are now living retired from active pursuits, is Thomas D. Finch, who has been identified with many industries, in the majority of his varied occupations meeting with success. A son of Thomas D. Finch Sr., he was born, August 27, 1835, at Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer county, New

York. On the paternal side, he comes of good English ancestry, his great grandfather, Nathaniel Finch, having been one of three brothers that came from England to this country in colonial days. He settled in New York state, and subsequently followed his trade of a tanner and currier at both Horse Lake and Schaghticoke.

Lewis Finch, grandfather of Thomas D., was born at Horse Neck, New York. Learning the trade of a tanner and currier, he carried on a substantial business at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer county, during a large part of his active life. He lived to a venerable age, dying at the home of a son, in Warren county, Pennsylvania, at the age of ninety-six years. He married Adelia Daggett, a native of France, being a daughter of Thomas Daggett, who emigrated to this country, settling in New York state. She, too, spent her last days in Warren county, Pennsylvania, passing away at the age of ninety-two years.

Born at Glens Falls, New York, Thomas D. Finch Sr., began life as a wage-earner when but eight years of age, working in a cotton factory in Schaghticoke. He continued in this employment a number of years, subsequently working at Hoosick Falls and at Cohoes. Making a decided change of occupation and residence in 1846, he went to Warren county, Pennsylvania, where he lived for nearly twenty years, being employed in mercantile pursuits. Locating in Corry in 1865, he opened a grocery, being a pioneer merchant of the place, and carried on a successful business for some time. The later part of his life he lived retired, in Corry, passing away at the good old age of eighty-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Eliza Slocum, was born in Washington county, New York. Her father, a farmer, spent his closing years in the southern part of Warren county, Pennsylvania. She survived her husband, dying at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. She reared four children, as follows: George H., who served in the Civil war as second lieutenant in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, and his remains are buried in the National Cemetery; Thomas D., of this brief sketch; Victoria; and Mary L.

Eleven years of age when he came with the family to Warren county, Thomas D. Finch completed his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood. When sixteen years old he began working in a saw mill, and was afterwards steadily employed in the lumber business, in Warren and Elk counties, for fourteen years. Going then to the oil region, he was engaged in drilling wells until 1866, being a part of the time in the employ of H. H. Rogers. Locating in that year in Corry, Mr. Finch was for two years engaged in the grocery business with his father. Selling out in 1868, he subsequently opened a restaurant opposite the railway station, where he continued three years. He next managed the American Hotel until the fire, and the ensuing two years was in the oil business at Keokuk, Iowa. Returning from there to Corry, Mr. Finch built the Phoenix Hotel, which he conducted successfully for nearly four years, when he sold out at an advantage. Building then the European Hotel, he managed it successfully for two years, and then sold out. Going then to Venango borough, Crawford county, Mr. Finch purchased the "Tarr farm," and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits two years. Selling the estate, he returned to Corry, and for two years

carried on a wholesale liquor business, afterwards being engaged for two years in the manufacture of cigars. Selling his cigar business, Mr. Finch again had the management of the European Hotel for two years, after which he conducted a restaurant in Erie, for eighteen months. Once more taking up his residence, he carried on the harness business for one and one-half years, and since that time has lived retired from active pursuits, at his pleasant home enjoying all the comforts of life.

On February 21, 1865, Mr. Finch married Nancy J. Carle, who was born, November 30, 1837, on a farm that is now included within the limits of the town of Reno, Venango county, Pennsylvania, her father, Columbia Carle, having been born in the same locality. Her great grandfather, James Carle, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry. Emigrating to this country in colonial days, he served seven years in the Revolutionary army, a part of the time being a companion of the noted Indian scout, Brady. He was severely wounded in battle, and died from the effects shortly after the close of the war. He married Mary Stuart, who was born in Scotland, and she survived him many years, passing away at the age of eighty-seven years. Their son, Alexander Carle, Mrs. Finch's grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Venango county. Taking up from the government a tract of timbered land, he cleared from the wilderness a farm, upon which the present village of Reno is built, and there spent the remainder of his life. He married Uretta Holyday, who was born at Oil Creek, her father, a native of Ireland, having been a pioneer settler of that part of Venango county. Columbia Carle was reared to agricultural pursuits, but being a natural mechanic, worked during his earlier years at shoemaking and carpentering. At the time of his marriage, he began housekeeping in the log cabin that his father built. He subsequently bought a tract of wild land, which is now included within the limits of Oil City. A part of it was then covered with a heavy growth of native timber, but it is now entirely built over with burner's blocks and dwelling houses, a wonderful scenic transformation having taken place in a comparatively few years. He passed away in Oil City, in 1868. The maiden name of the wife of Columbia Carle was Lydia Hazen. She was born in Chautauqua county, New York, where her father, Benjamin Hazen, was an early settler. He afterwards removed to Venango county, Pa., bought land above Oil City, and there cleared and improved the estate now known as the "Clapp Farm." In the early forties, Mr. Hazen crossed the country with teams to the territory of Iowa, the greater part of which was then owned by the government. Purchasing upwards of seven hundred acres of land in Jackson county, he improved a homestead, on which he resided until his death, at the age of four score and four years. A man of energy, foresight and good judgment, he was prominent in advancing the growth and prosperity of the new country, living to see the locality in which he settled transformed from its primitive wildness to a populous and wealthy community. He married Nancy Willard, who was born in the northeastern part of New York state,, and died, at the age of eighty-four years, in Iowa. Mrs. Lydia (Hazen) Carle, mother of Mrs. Finch, died at the early age of thirty-one years, and Mr. Carle married for his second wife, Sarah Ranson, who died three years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch have one son, Charles Carle Finch. Charles C. Finch has been twice married. He married first, Myra Sweet. She died when but twenty-eight years old, leaving one son, Carle Sweet, who lives with his grandparents. Charles C. Finch married second, Kate Beader, and they have one child, Gustave Finch. Fraternally Mr. Finch is a member of Corry Lodge, No. 470, K. P.

John Johnson has resided within the borders of Erie county for many years, prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Waterford township, but he is a native son of the Emerald Isle, born February 4, 1846, to Robert and Susannah (Bettles) Johnson. Coming with his parents to America, they located about 1854 in Waterford township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where Robert Johnson took up farming pursuits, and both he and his wife are now deceased.

The public schools of Waterford township afforded John Johnson with his educational training, and farming has been his life occupation. His homestead contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of rich and well cultivated land, located near the borough of Waterford. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, and voted for Grant first.

Mr. Johnson married in 1864 Miss Susannah Lundy, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Shields) Lundy, also from Ireland, and they have had the following children: James, George, David, Frank, Alice, Jessie and Harry, but three of the sons, James, David and Frank, are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the United Presbyterian church at Waterford.

D. W. Hunt. One of the interesting characters which has graced the early and subsequent history of Erie county is D. W. Hunt, who was born on the old Hunt farm on which he now resides at the edge of Waterford, March 12, 1834, a son of Simeon and Asenath (Tracy) Hunt, from Connecticut. The grandfather was Captain John Tracy, one of a family of three children, and on the paternal side the grandfather was from Vermont. Simeon Hunt passed through Waterford in the year of 1814 on his way to Meadville, but after two years there he returned to Waterford and bought of General Martin the farm now owned by his son D. W. Captain John Tracy also bought land here of the same man. Mr. Hunt's purchase consisted of one hundred acres, the greater part of which has been platted into Waterford lots. During many years he operated a distillery here, the only one ever in Waterford, and his death occurred in April, of 1874. When Mr. Hunt first came to Waterford he was accompanied by two brothers, but after remaining here a year they moved on to the Western Reserve and secured homes there.

D. W. Hunt received a good education in the Waterford Academy, and farming has been his life occupation. He now owns and conducts sixty-five acres of the original farm secured by his father in the early days of the county's history. In 1856 he went to Iowa and took up one hundred and sixty acres of land, but after two years there he returned to Waterford, and remained here until again crossing the plains to Iowa in 1867. During his stay in the west he had many interesting experiences and also endured the many hardships and privations of pioneer life, but these only helped him to appreciate more fully the

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trials his ancestors endured in subduing the wilds of this community in its pioneer epoch. During his first trip across the plains in 1856 they very narrowly escaped trouble with the Indians in Hamilton county of that state, and locating in Pocahontas county he secured a claim on the river, eighteen miles from a neighbor. At one time it was reported that he had been killed by the red skins and a searching party was about to be sent out, but one of this party succeeded in making his way to the settlement and informed them of the truth. On his way to the west he traveled two hundred miles in the primitive pioneer manner of those times, and crossed without bridges the various streams which he encountered en route.

In 1867, on his second return from Iowa, Mr. Hunt married Miss Adaline Trask, a daughter of Esquire J. and Sophia (Reed) Trask. The mother came to Erie county from Ohio when seven years of age, and lived with an uncle, George Reed, until her marriage. Her mother was a full blood Indian, and her father was James Maning Reed. Esquire J. Trask was brought by his parents to Erie county when but two years of age, and he became a cabinet-maker and carpenter, also owning a farm two miles from Waterford. He died in October of 1866, and his wife survived until November of 1883. Reed Tracy Hunt is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, and he now lives in Waterford and farms the old Hunt homestead. He married Miss Elizabeth McArdle, and their only child, Dan Tracy Hunt, is deceased.

Lewis Wilson Olds. A man of superior business talents and ability, Lewis W. Olds is intimately associated with one of the most important manufacturing industries of Corry, being president of the Climax Manufacturing Company, builders of geared locomotives, and also interested in timber lands in California and Washington, and in the production of oil in Ohio and Oklahoma. A son of Mason O. Olds, he was born March 30, 1865, at Youngsville, Warren county, Pennsylvania. He comes of New England stock, his grandfather, Elisha Olds, a lineal descendant of Phineas Olds, who was a son of Ezekiel Old, of Brookfield, Massachusetts, having been born and brought up in Vermont, and who served as corporal and captain in the war of Revolution, being in the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1777, also in Battle of Lexington. Ezekiel Old also served in the French and Indian wars, as mentioned in History North Brookfield, Page 214-215 and 697.

Ezekiel was the son of Captain William Old who took part in the siege and capture of Louisburg in Queen Anne's war of 1747, and William Old is a son of Dr. Robert Old who settled in Windsor, Connecticut in 1669, having come from England in that year, and settled in Connecticut. The letter S was added to the surname Old as mentioned, Pages 44-45 of History Suffield, Colony Massachusetts 1660-1749, published by Hezekiel Spencer Sheldon.

In company with his half-brothers, Joel Olds and Gilbert Olds, Elisha Olds migrated from the Green Mountain State to Pennsylvania in pioneer days, making the entire journey with teams. Locating in Erie county, he bought a tract of forest covered land on Mill Creek, being one of the earlier settlers of that part of the county. Making a clearing, in which he erected a log cabin, he began the improvement of a homestead. After he had well started his farming operations, he took advantage of the water on the place, developed the water power, erected a saw-mill and a pump shop, and was one of the pioneer lumber

and pump manufacturers of Erie county. Succeeding in his labors, he cleared a goodly portion of his land, erected a substantial set of frame buildings and there resided until his death, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was three times married. He married first Abigail W. Flint, who was born in Vermont, a daughter of James and Jerusha (——) Flint. He married second Mary A. Deming, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and married for his third wife, Mrs. Electa (Chase) Huie. By his first marriage he had thirteen children, of whom twelve grew to mature life, as follows: James P.; George; Oby; Oro; Mason O.; Allen; Welcome; Henry; Delight; Moses; Nellie; and Martha. Of his second marriage two children were born, Nana E. and Walter R.

Mason O. Olds was born, July 21, 1836, at Belle Valley, Mill Creek township, and was there reared on the home farm, receiving education in the pioneer schools of his district. Beginning when young to assist his father in the shop and mill, he became familiar with the business, and on attaining his majority went to Youngsville, Warren county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the manufacture of pumps until 1870. Coming in that year to Corry, he established a pump factory, which he conducted successfully until his death, two years later, while yet in manhood's prime. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Mead, was born in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, in 1838, a daughter of Joseph Mead, a pioneer farmer of Warren county. She died in 1906, aged sixty-eight years.

The only son of his parents, Lewis W. Olds, received a practical education in the public schools of Corry, after which he commenced his business career as a bookkeeper for the Climax Manufacturing Company, accepting the position in 1885. After a few years of faithful work in that capacity, he became financially interested in the business as a part owner, and in 1904, when it was incorporated, Mr. Olds was elected president of the company, and has since devoted his entire time and energies to its interests.

Mr. Olds married, in 1885, Nellie Raymond, whose father, Murray M. Raymond, and grandfather, Francis Raymond, were born in Columbus township, Warren county, Pennsylvania, where her great-grandfather Seth Sears Raymond, was a pioneer settler, and where her great-great-grandfather, Zachariah Raymond, a Revolutionary soldier (mentioned in Book 1298, Massachusetts, Soldiers & Sailors of the Revolutionary war, page 1013) spent his last years. Seth Sears Raymond came to Warren county when the country roundabout was in its primeval wildness. Buying a tract of timber land in Columbus township, he cleared and improved a homestead on which he lived many years. When ready to give up active labor, he removed to the village, and there lived retired until death. Brought up on the home farm, Francis Raymond early turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and having purchased land in Columbus township was there engaged in general farming during his active life, residing there until his death, at the age of four score years. His wife, whose maiden name was Della Colgrove, was born in Concord township, where her parents were early settlers. Murray M. Raymond was born June 10, 1843, and grew to manhood on the home farm. During the Civil war, he served one year in the Union army, after which he was engaged in the lumber business for a time. Later establishing himself in Corry as a manufacturer, he is now president of the Raymond Manufacturing Company. He married Seraphina Bishop, who was born in Columbus township, a daughter of Joseph Bishop.

Joseph Bishop's mother's maiden name was Sallie Burk, daughter of Joseph Burk who served in the Revolutionary war at Newberry, Guilford, and Westminster, mentioned in Vermont Revolutionary Roll, book 991-12, page 353. She died in 1903, leaving three children, namely: Nellie G., wife of Mr. Olds; Frank M.; and Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Olds have one son living, born in 1890, Murray Raymond Olds. Their first son Mason O. was born in 1887 and died 1904. Mr. Olds is actively identified with various fraternal organizations, belonging to Corry Lodge, No. 365, F. & A. M.; to Columbus Chapter No. 200, R. A. M.; to Hiram Council No. 45, R. & S. M.; to Clarence Commandery No. 51, K. T.; to Zem Zem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; to Jonathan Lodge No. 685, I. O. O. F.; and to Corry Lodge No. 769, B. P. O. E.

S. J. Skinner is a member of one of the first families to establish their home in Erie county, and he was born in the township of Waterford in 1830, a son of Benjamin and Susannah (Ulan) Skinner, of the Wyoming Valley. Thomas Skinner, the grandfather, came to the United States from his native land of England, and coming immediately to Waterford township he established his home here as early as 1797, and here he also cleared a farm from the dense wilderness. His wife, Lena, was from Ireland. Among their children was Benjamin, who received his educational training in the early schools of Waterford township, and he was a farmer throughout life.

S. J. Skinner, his son, was educated in the public schools of Waterford, and agriculture was also his occupation during the active years of his business life. He also learned and followed the painter's trade, but he is now living retired on his farm. He married in 1856 Miss Mary Jane Ray, a daughter of Hanford H. and Harriet (Briggs) Ray, pioneers of Washington township in Erie county. Their children are: Hanford Benjamin, Harriet, Charles H., Mary, Aretus and Ray. Hanford Benjamin, the eldest, married in 1877 Miss Margaret Thomas, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Sedgwick) Thomas, who were also among the pioneers of Erie county. The children of this union are Eva, who died January 8, 1906, Zenn and Zayre, twins, and Hazel. Harriet S. became the wife of Way Thomas, but both are now deceased, leaving two children, Ruth and Lee. Charles H. married Miss Nellie Goodnough, and their children are Ethel, Lolla and Harry. Mary married John Lee, and they have one child, Lawrence. Aretus married Jessie Triscuit, and their children are Charles, Harold, Louise and Virgil. Ray married Miss Maud Stafford. Mr. Skinner is a Prohibitionist. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Waterford.

Frank A. Howe, the postmaster at Waterford, was born in Sheridan, Chautauqua county, New York, a son of Gustavus Adolphus Hammond and Nancy M. (Brainard) Howe, also from the same county, and a grandson on the paternal side of Jonas Howe, a pipe organ manufacturer and a native of Chautauqua county. His maternal grandfather, Ahimeaz Brainard, was a blacksmith in New York, and he lived and died in that state but two of his sons, Nathaniel and Albert, came to Waterford during an early period in its history. Gustavus A. H. Howe was a wagon maker in New York, and he continued that occupation after coming to Waterford in 1840 with his wife and

children, dying here on the 31st of July, 1887. His wife survived until the 23d of November, 1901.

Frank A. Howe received his education in the Waterford public schools and the academy here, and learning the trade of wagon-making of his father in his early life, he continued that occupation until a few years after the latter's death. On the 29th of July, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in several of the hard-fought battles of the Civil war. He was in the thickest of the fight at Gaines Mills, being right marker in the regiment, and after the opposing forces had made several unsuccessful attacks they charged the regiment from the right, thus placing Mr. Howe the nearest man to the enemy. A bullet, which shot by the foremost man of the opposing side passed through the left forearm of Mr. Howe, lodged in a small Bible just over his heart. To this little book he owes his life, and with the bullet yet embedded among its leaves it is one of his most treasured possessions. The wound left his hand almost entirely useless. About the year of 1890 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as a justice of the peace, and at the ensuing election he was returned to that office, but before the expiration of his term he was made the postmaster of Waterford, and has served in that office since 1901. Some years ago he served two years as an assessor. His politics has always been Republican.

In 1868 Mr. Howe was married to Rebecca R. Judson, a daughter of P. E. and Maria D. (Lord) Judson. Both the Judson and Lord families came to America in the Mayflower and located in the east, and the Judsons were numbered among the early residents of Erie county. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have one daughter, Florence, who married Frank W. Agnew, the assistant postmaster at Waterford, and they also have one child, Charles Clifford Agnew. Mrs. Howe has been an Episcopalian, and Mr. Howe was reared in the faith of that denomination, although his mother was a Presbyterian, but during the past few years both he and his wife have been devoted to the Christian Science religion.

Velorus C. Barnes, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman residing in LeBoeuf township, has from an early period in the development of Erie county resided within its borders and been active in its upbuilding and advancement. Born in Ohio on the 29th of December, 1856, he is a son of Marsha and Dolena (Allen) Barnes, who were born in Pennsylvania but early in their married life they moved to Ashtabula county, Ohio, and became identified with its agricultural pursuits. From there they came to Waterford township in Erie county in 1866, when their son Velorus was a lad of ten years.

Farming has been the life occupation of Velorus C. Barnes. He first obtained a good education in the Waterford Academy and the schools of Edinboro, well fitting himself for the active duties of a business life, and he is now the owner of a splendid farm of one hundred and forty-two acres in LeBoeuf township, known as "Sunny Summit Farm" where he carries on general farming and dairying.

On the 12th of December, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Lunger, a daughter of Isaac Lunger, and the children of this union are: Ethel Mae, Emma Jorden, Clarence G., Blanche Elizabeth, Earl E. and Anna Belle. Ethel Mae and Clarence G. are both de-

ceased, and the youngest daughter, Anna B., is the wife of the Rev. W. E. Baker, by whom she has one son, Velorus W. The daughter Emma is a graduate of the Shenango Valley Hospital at New Castle, Pennsylvania, as a professional nurse belonging to the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Barnes is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are members of the Christian church.

THOMAS V. WALLIS, one of the prominent business men of Erie county, was born near Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1840, a son of Edward and a grandson of Samuel Wallis. The last named came from his home in Maryland to Lycoming county, this state, and later located at Muncie, rearing four sons and three daughters. His wife lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and twenty years, she having been a member of a family noted for its longevity.

Edward Wallis was born near Havre de Grace, Maryland, and from there came to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1822. In 1830 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Martin, a native of Lycoming county, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Murphy) Martin, from near Williamsport. They moved from there to Le Boeuf township in Erie county in 1844 and spent the remainder of their lives here.

With the exception of four years spent in the mercantile business in New Jersey, Thomas V. Wallis has made his home in Erie county, since locating here in 1871, and he was first identified with its agricultural pursuits, but since 1866 has been a merchant in Mill Village. He married in 1866, Miss Ellen Rebecca, a daughter of A. E. and Elizabeth (Demling) Ford, from Kittanning, Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather, Peter Ford, came to reside in Erie county in an early day in its history, and he took up a large tract of land here and became a large and well known farmer. He married into one of the county's leading families, the Kings. Robert King, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Wallis, was given a large tract here by the government for services he had rendered. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Wallis, a Mr. Demling, came to Erie county about the year of 1800. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, Blanche and William Guy. The daughter married H. M. Dowler, and their children are Harriet Fay, Josephia, Capatolia and Ellen. Harriet Fay married J. Sherwood, and their children are Theo and Elizabeth. William Guy, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, married Miss Nellie White, from Philadelphia, and their home is now in Florence, New Jersey. They have four children: Thomas V. Jr., Marion Feber, Neomi and Baird. Mr. Wallis is a true blue Republican and voted first for Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Wallis are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mill Village

GEORGE L. WALKER was born on the farm which he now owns and conducts in LeBoeuf township, Erie county, February 3, 1866, and he is descended from one of the founders and early residents of this county, Joseph Walker. He came to this state from New York and located near Edinboro, where he bought and improved a farm and spent the remainder of his life there, rearing eight sons and two daughters. In this family was Walter Walker, the paternal grandfather of George L. He was born in New York, and coming with his

father to Erie county bought fifty acres where his grandson now lives, clearing and improving his land and erecting thereon his log cabin home. There he reared his children: Chauncy, who married Miss Susan Pratt, and had four children, Clark, Hiram, James and Lucy; Maria Cenia, who married Gibson Heart; Hiram, who also married; Melinda, who married Chandler Reynolds; James D., mentioned below; Julian, who married William Lewis, and had Rachel (deceased), Ida and Theola; Perry and Miranda, both of whom died when young; and Eunice, who married Francis Reynolds, and their children are Melinda, Charles, George, John and Reed. James D. Walker, the father of George L., was born on his father's farm in Le Boeuf township. He married Clarissa A. Hamilton, and they have had the following children: Perry, Mary, Emma, George L., Bertha and Charles, but all are now deceased with the exception of George L. and Charles H.

George L. Walker received his educational training in the public schools of Le Boeuf township, and farming has been his life's occupation. He owns and conducts his father's estate of one hundred acres, and follows a general line of agriculture and dairying. He married on the 22d of September, 1887, Miss Addie E. Boyd, and their only child is a son, Walter L. Mr. Walker is a stanch Republican politically. He is a member of I. O. O. F. Charter Oak Lodge, No. 349, of Mill Village, and has passed all the chairs. He is a member of Charter Oak Encampment No. 3, and Canton at Union City, and he was a delegate to the Grand Lodge and both he and his wife are members of the Rebekahs, Lodge No. 178 at Mill Village. His great-grandfather, Joseph Walker, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and grandfather Walker was a soldier in the War of 1812. Mr. Walker has one of the old flintlock guns his great-grandfather carried in the Revolutionary war.

Born McCray was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, near Titusville, February 27, 1841, a son of Samuel and Eliza (Shelmidina) McCray, who were also born in Crawford county. They subsequently moved from there to Venango county when that political division formed a part of Erie county, and from there in 1865 they came to the farm now owned and occupied by their son in Le Boeuf township, purchasing and clearing eighty acres. Of their family of thirteen children two died in infancy and nine are yet living, each being nearly sixty years of age.

B. McCray, one of the thirteen children, received a district school education in Venango county, Pennsylvania, and in 1862 he enlisted for the Civil war in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. During his army service he took part in the hard-fought battle of Fredericksburg, where one-half of the One Hundred and Forty-second was killed or wounded. He also participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Hatcher's Run and in various smaller engagements, spending five months in the commissary department, four months as a brigade butcher and during six months was in Finley Hospital at Washington, D. C. He continued to serve his country until the war was over, receiving his discharge on the 2d of May, 1865, and returning then to the old home farm in Erie county, he has lived here ever since with the exception of the two

years which he spent in Randolph, New York, to afford his children better educational advantages.

On the 29th of May, 1870, Mr. McCray was married to Miss Martha C. Range, a daughter of Noah Range Sr., who is mentioned below. To this union have been born the following children: Lulu, who married the Rev. John F. Black, and their children are Virgil, Evert, Venton and Lois; Wilma, who died in infancy; Volney A., who married Miss Della Burton, and their children are Harley Ellsworth and Lawrence Charles; Francis Cecil, who died in infancy; Gail, who married Miss Lula Edmonds, and their only child is Bernice. The children of Mr. and Mrs. McCray were well educated in the district schools of Le Boeuf township and in the educational institution at Randolph, New York. The eldest son is also a graduate of the Union City Business College, and Gail, the youngest son, is a graduate of the Mill Village High School. Mr. McCray and his son Volney are general farmers, apple growers and dairymen on the old McCray homestead, to which they have added forty acres.

John Range Sr., the grandfather of Mrs. McCray, was commissioned first lieutenant of the Fifth Company of the Fourth Battalion of York county militia April 5, 1778, during the Revolutionary war, but he had been in active service some time before receiving his commission. He also fought in the French and Indian war with Lord Amherst's division of Colonial troops, and marching from Philadelphia through the northern wilderness of Quebec, Canada, he was present at the death of the brave General Wolfe and the defeat of the French General Montcalm on the plains of Abraham. After returning from the war Lieutenant John Range married Mandolin Shallas, a daughter of Debalt Shallas, who owned a plantation with a stone grist mill, a stone dwelling and a saw mill on Little Corsewago Creek in Adams county, Pennsylvania, this having been conveyed to him by patent dated January 22, 1767, by Thomas and Richard Penn, one of whom was the governor in chief of the province of Pennsylvania. At his death it was willed to his daughter, Mandolin, wife of Lieutenant John Range, and it was there that the young couple located after the Revolutionary war.

Lieutenant John Range was the first white settler on the Allegheny river in what is now Forest county, Pennsylvania, where he received a land warrant for services rendered in the war, and that was taken out in the name of Shallas Range, his eldest son. In 1808, with other soldiers, he went over and examined the county and located with his family at what is now Tionesta in 1816. His land warrant was No. 511 and was dated May 17, 1785. He died in the year of 1826, and is the only soldier of the Revolutionary war buried in Riverside cemetery at Tionesta.

When the British government made the war of 1812-14 necessary, John Range Jr., responded to the call, and when the Civil war was inaugurated he was one of the many of the Range family who reported for duty. In the settlement of the United States from east to west, representatives of this family have inscribed their names as pioneers, and the name is recorded on the pages of the history of this country from the period of its earliest settlement to the present time.

Hiram Beaman. The name of Hiram Beaman was long associated with the business life of Erie county, his life's history forming a connecting link between its primitive past and later day advancement. Although a native son of Massachusetts, he moved with his parents as a small boy to Jefferson county, New York, where he received his educational training and was reared to the life of an agriculturist. During an early epoch in its history he came to Le Boeuf township, in Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he bought one hundred acres of land in the wilderness, for this section of the state was then in its primitive state, but with the passing of time he cleared and improved his land and made his homestead one of the valuable ones of the township, residing there until his death. Before leaving Jefferson county, New York, he married Miss Polly Mack, who bore him the following children: Cashius, Agnes and Eugene, but the eldest died in infancy. All were born on the homestead farm in Le Boeuf township.

Eugene Beaman has throughout his entire business life followed farming and dairying, and he now owns and operates the old place which was his father's home for so many years. On the 10th of September, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Etta Morey, a daughter of Nelson and Arilla (Range) Morey, from Tionesta, Pennsylvania.

Ernest Eugene, the only child of that union, received his educational training in the district schools of Le Boeuf township and in the Waterford High School, which he attended until within a few months of his graduation. Since that time he has worked on the old homestead with his father, they together carrying on general farming and dairying. On the 16th of December, 1908, he was married to Miss Waive M. Patten, a daughter of Thomas Patten. She attended the district schools of Le Boeuf, Waterford and Union townships, and after her graduation from the Mill Village High School, she taught for one year in Crawford county. Ernest is a stanch Republican. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., at Mill Village, No. 349.

Andrew H. Frisbee, one of the prominent and well known agriculturists of Le Boeuf township, was born within the borders of this township January 13, 1848, and is of Scotch descent. He is a member of a family that was founded in Erie county in 1795 by Calvin Frisbee, his grandfather, who came from Ballston, New York, to Erie county, Pennsylvania, and bought four hundred acres of land from the Heide Cooper Land Company in Le Boeuf township. This was during the pioneer epoch in the history of this community, when there were but a few families located within the township and when all was new and wild, but in time he improved his land and spent the remainder of his life there, rearing nine children. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Bloomfield, and was the first white child born in Bloomfield township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania. The Bloomfields were of Scotch-English blood.

Grixon Frisbee, a son of Calvin and Nancy (Bloomfield) Frisbee, was born in Le Boeuf township of Erie county, and he spent his entire life here and was one of the community's most prominent business men. He conducted a farm, general store and post-office, saw mill and oil refinery at Frisbee's Corners, southeast of Mill Village, and his saw mill was the first steam mill in this part of the country, and

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in the early days he rafted his lumber to Pittsburg. He lived a life of usefulness and honor and died in the year of 1864. His wife, before marriage Nancy Logue, was a member of a pioneer family of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and she was also born there, as were her parents, Robert and Peggie (Bole) Logue, born in the township of Venango. The Boles came originally from Ireland.

Grixon Frisbee and wife reared ten children, but only two are now living, the daughter being Mrs. J. S. Ross, of Cambridge Springs.

Andrew H. Frisbee, the son, obtained his education in the Le Boeuf township schools, and farming and dairying has been his life's occupation. His homestead farm contains fifty-two acres of rich and fertile land in Le Boeuf township. On the 28th of March, 1865, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for the Civil war, and served his country faithfully and well until his discharge June 29, 1865. He is politically a Republican, and has filled the various offices of the township, and is a member of the fraternal order of Knights of the Maccabees.

Mr. Frisbee married on the 30th of September, 1879, Miss Jennie A. Catlin, a daughter of P. G. and Marguerite (Edwards) Catlin, natives respectively of London, England, and of Wales. Her paternal grandparents, John and Mary (Page) Catlin, were respectively from Suffolk and London, England, they having spent their entire lives in their native land, and the former died there at the age of ninety-seven years. Her maternal grandparents were Edward and Mary (Jones) Edwards, both from Corwen in North Wales, where they also spent their lives and died. Mrs. Catlin, the mother of Mrs. Frisbee, was but thirteen years of age when she left Wales for London, England, and there she was married to Mr. Catlin in 1848. In 1853 they came to America and located near Corry, Pennsylvania, which was their home until 1860, and from that time on their home was in Cambridge Springs, she dying there in 1890 and he in 1901. They reared four children and three are now living. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frisbee, a son and a daughter. Roy Grixon, the elder, received a good education in the Mill Village High School and the Curry Commercial College at Pittsburg. He married Miss Matilda Dale, and their home is in Pittsburg, where he is chief clerk in the baggage department of the Union station. The daughter, Florence Marguerite Frisbee, received a musical education at Dana's Musical Institute in Warren, Ohio, and in Oberlin College, and also at the Bartels College of Music at Mantua, Ohio. Mrs. Frisbee is a member of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church at West Union.

William L. Baldwin, a substantial and influential farmer of Amity township, Erie county, was born there April 5, 1847, and is a son of John C. and Marcia (Fields) Baldwin, the former born at Whitehall, New York, May 13, 1816, and the latter in Vermont, May 29, 1820. John C. Baldwin was a son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Towers) Baldwin. By his first wife Ebenezer Baldwin had children as follows: John C., Ambrose, George, Hiram W. and Elizabeth. Ebenezer Baldwin married (second) Theresa Murray, by whom he had three children, David M., Ebenezer H. and Mrs. Betsey Lawrence. Mr. Baldwin died in 1839 and his widow died in 1863. John C. Baldwin removed to Erie county in 1835, and was married February 22, 1840. His children were: Mary

L., deceased; G. W., deceased; Mrs. Axcie Gross; William L.; Mrs. Amelia Wood, deceased; Mrs. Sylvia A. Madison, deceased; John B.; George F.; Ettie S.; Eva E. and Addie L. John C. Baldwin died January 15, 1862, and his widow died November 22, 1902.

William L. Baldwin received his education in the local district school of his native town, and since that time has devoted himself to the pursuit of agriculture, in which he has been very successful. He owns one hundred and forty acres of fertile land, and makes a specialty of dairying; of his thirty-five head of cows, thirteen are milch cows. Mr. Baldwin makes use of the most modern machinery and appliances in the cultivation of his land. He is held in great confidence and esteem by his neighbors, and has served as township supervisor seven years, and township treasurer three terms.

August 17, 1886, Mr. Baldwin was married to Marion, daughter of John and Julia (Stowe) Allen, and to them were born children as follows: Choice, Maude, Orville and Calvin; the eldest daughter is attending Edinboro State Normal School, with a view of becoming a teacher and will teach in her home district. Mrs. Baldwin was born in Amity township, Erie county, August 7, 1861. Her father, John R. Allen, was born in Delaware county, New York, November 22, 1831, and married Julia Stone, December 30, 1858; he died in 1888, and his widow still lives in Union City, Pennsylvania. Mr. Allen came to Erie county about 1848, served the township in various offices, and was a faithful, loyal citizen. He was a skilled mechanic, working at the carpenter and blacksmith trade, as well as conducting his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which his son Floyd E. now resides. His children were: Marion D., Eliza J., Minnie C. (deceased), Nathaniel J. and Floyd E. Politically Mr. Baldwin is a Republican.

Allen Ensworth. The Ensworth family was established in Erie county during an early period in its history, and the first of the name here was Tracy Ensworth, who came from near Boston. Among his children was Allen Ensworth, who established his home in Wattsburg of Erie county in 1836, and he, with other descendants of Tracy Ensworth, became prominent in the public life of the county. Allen Ensworth learned and followed the blacksmith's trade, and he married and became the father of the following children: Loren, Dexter, James and Porter.

Porter Ensworth was for many years a prominent business man in Waterford, and it is an authenticated fact that he at one time drew the largest salary of any traveling salesman that ever went out of Erie county up to that time. His death occurred in the year of 1896.

Dexter Ensworth, the second son of Allen, continued his residence in Wattsburg until 1890, where he was both a hotel proprietor and a blacksmith, and from the time of his leaving Wattsburg until his death in 1900 he resided with his son, Frank E., in Waterford. He had the following children: Frank E.; Emory A., who was drowned when ten years of age; Clinton D., who died in infancy; and James Tracy.

Frank E. Ensworth came to Waterford in 1867, and has since been engaged in business here as a jobber and merchant. In 1882 he married Miss Mary A. Roberts, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Hill) Roberts, who came to the United States from Scotland in 1845 and located in Buffalo, New York. Charles Roberts died when his daughter

Mary was quite young, and afterward her mother and the remainder of the family came to Waterford in 1859, she following later with her grandmother. Her grandfather had died in New York a short time after their arrival from Scotland. A daughter, Annice Gertrude, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Ensworth. Mr. Ensworth is a Mason and Shriner.

Rollo McCray is the mayor of Waterford, the highest office in the power of his fellow townsmen to bestow, and he is also one of the city's leading business men. He was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1876, a son of William Alexander and Nancy F. (Copeland) McCray. The mother came with her four children to Waterford in 1884, when Rollo was a little lad of eight years, and he afterward attended the grammar school of this city and the Waterford Academy. During six years of his early business life he conducted a cheese factory here, and since that time he has been engaged in general mercantile pursuits, although his name did not appear in the present firm of Patten and McCray until 1906. During his residence here he has served as the town treasurer for one year, and as the mayor of Waterford elected in 1906, he has served his fellow townsmen well and favorably. He is a member and has for two years served as master of Waterford Lodge No. 425, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 974, and of the National Protective Legion, Lodge No. 915. He is liberal in his religious views and attends the services of the Episcopal church.

The mother of Rollo McCray is also the mother of four other children, M. A. Patten, the Misses Ida and Lida Patten and Mrs. Stella Taylor.

Henry Lytle, a grocery merchant in Waterford, was born in Le Boeuf township, on the 11th of January, 1842, a son of Andrew Lytle, whose birth is also recorded in Erie county. The latter learned the tanner's trade in his early life, and conducted a tannery on his farm, for he was also a farmer, for about thirty years. He cleared his homestead of one hundred and fifty acres, and died in Waterford, Pennsylvania, in the year of 1876. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, in the commissary department, his grandfather served in the Revolutionary struggle, his son fought for the stars and stripes in the Civil war, and he himself, served his full time in the state militia and rose to the rank of a lieutenant. Another member of this family was Captain Lytle, who was captain of Treemans Fort, a small fortress on the west bank of the Susquehanna river, which at that time was considered the far west. This French fort was captured by Captain McDonald, and his English and Indian soldiers, and its twenty-one men, all that were active soldiers, were taken prisoners, the women, children and the older men being allowed to go free, and they wandered back east to New Jersey and New England states. The prisoners were taken to Canada, and four years elapsed ere Captain Lytle was returned to freedom. In the meanwhile his wife, who had received forged letters announcing the death of her husband, had married another, but on the Captain's return the second husband fled from the law, he having been guilty of the forgery. Captain Lytle and his wife spent the remainder of their days in Pennsylvania.

Henry Lytle enlisted in 1862 for the Civil war and was assigned to Company E, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He took part in the battles of second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Petersburg, he having been wounded in the right leg at the last named engagement September 30, 1864. In July of 1865 he received his honorable discharge. He has been engaged in the grocery business in Waterford since 1876, being one of the city's oldest and best known merchants. In politics he upholds the principles of the Prohibition party, but votes independently at elections. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church.

T. W. Barton, M. D. The Barton family for many years have been noted physicians and surgeons of Erie county, the name being synonymous with the medical profession here. The late T. W. Barton, M. D., of Waterford, was born in Weston, Windsor county, Vermont, in 1834, and was a son of Ira and Mary (Farrar) Barton, the latter from Vermont.

Dr. Ira Barton was born at Hoosick, New York, March 24, 1796, a son of Timothy S. Barton, a Revolutionary soldier. Dr. Ira Barton after his graduation from the medical college at Castleton, Vermont, began practice in the western part of that state, from whence he moved to Massachusetts, and in 1836 came to Erie City, Pennsylvania, and was in practice there for four years. Coming then to Waterford, he was a member of the medical profession here for forty years or more, gaining in that time a large practice and identifying himself prominently with the early professional history of Erie county. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting for that service when but a lad of sixteen years.

Dr. T. W. Barton, a son of this well known Erie county pioneer, graduated from the Buffalo Medical College in 1862 and began the practice of his profession at Hartstown in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, but in 1865 he left there and came to Waterford to form a partnership with his father, who retired from the profession in 1872. and his death occurred in 1884. The son continued on in the profession, and previously, in 1882, he had become associated with W. L. Kelly in the drug business, and was thus engaged until 1907, a few months before his death, which resulted from pneumonia. He died on the 15th of November, 1907, after many years of faithful and beneficent labor in the cause of his profession. He was a member of the Erie County Medical Society, of the Shrine of the Masonic order, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Dr. Barton married on October 4, 1864, Miss Emeline White, a daughter of Dr. James White of Hartstown, Crawford county, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Louie, died at eighteen years, Shirley McLean, Mary G. and J. Lloyd.

Dr. T. W. Barton resided at one time in Iowa, at Fort Dodge, and afterwards went with a party to lay out Webster City. He was also one of the rescue party who went to Spirit Lake, and was there a few months. He served as one of the county officers when he was a resident of Iowa.

Dr. J. Lloyd Barton is worthily upholding the family prestige in the professional circles of Waterford. Born in 1876, he received his education in the Waterford Academy and in the University of Pennsyl-

vania, and is also a graduate of the medical department of that institution with the class of 1901. Since that time he has been in the practice of medicine in this city except during the school year of 1906-7, when he pursued special courses on the diseases of the eye in Philadelphia. Through his father's able influence, he became examiner for the United States Life Insurance Company within one year after his graduation, which was an exceptional case, for the company demanded five years of experience on the part of their examiners before they were eligible to the office. He practiced with his father until the death of the latter, and he is now filling his place with exceptional skill and ability. During his college life he was a member of the William Pepper Medical Society.

Dr. Carl Kirschner is a native of York county, Pennsylvania, born on the 19th of March, 1878, and is the only child of George and Elizabeth (Albreth) Kirschner. His father was of an old Virginia family of German blood, and his mother a native of one of the Rhine provinces, at the time of her birth a part of France. Previous to the commencement of the Civil war, George Kirschner migrated into Pennsylvania, and served throughout that conflict in the Union army. It is somewhat remarkable that, although he passed through it alive, his five brothers who fought in the Confederate ranks were all killed. The father survived until 1878, dying when Carl was only nine days old. Following this bereavement, the widow returned to her old home in Europe with her infant son. But in the meantime, through the fortunes of the Franco-Prussian war, her home had become German soil, and the mother lived there with her own mother until her death, which occurred when the boy was but six years of age. As an orphan, he then became the charge of the German government and received his education at the State Gymnasium located at Eisnach, from which he was graduated in the special course in chemistry in 1896. In that year he returned to the United States and pursued special courses at the School of Technology and Temple College, Philadelphia, and then became a private in the regular army, seeing service in both Porto Rico and the Philippines. Returning to the United States, he entered the Medico Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in the class of 1903.

Dr. Kirschner's first practice was at Erie, as interne at the Hamot Hospital, and after serving for ten months in that capacity engaged in general professional work at the corner of Eighteenth and State streets. In February he completed his residence and office at No. 1821 French street, which have since been the centers of his professional activities and his social and domestic life. In 1908 the doctor was elected a member of the city school board, and, as a fraternalist, is affiliated with the Odd Fellows, Elks and Foresters. Dr. Kirschner's wife was formerly Miss Ruth Hausman, who is a daughter of Henry and Lissetta (Loesel) Hausman and a granddaughter of Michael and Anna (Jacobi) Loesel, all of whom are old and highly respected citizens of Erie, which is the birthplace of Mrs. Kirschner. Dr. and Mrs. Kirschner are the parents of a daughter, Marion, who was born in 1907.

Seth D. Feidler, who during many years has been numbered among the business men of Waterford, was born in the city of Erie, Pennsyl-

vania, April 7, 1851, a son of Samuel D. and Lucinda (Weidle) Feidler, natives respectively of Lancaster and Erie counties, but their families were both from Lancaster county. Samuel D. Feidler was a miller and operated for many years the Erie City Mills, while later he was the proprietor of the Bear's Mills in Fair View township, remaining at the latter place until his death. His wife died in the year of 1883. In their family were three children, two daughters and a son, but of the former the elder is deceased, and the younger resides in Erie county.

Seth D. Feidler, the only son in the family, received a good education in the Waterford Academy, and in his early life he learned the brick and stone mason's trade. He is now the local agent for several machinery companies, and has also done some farming, his home being now on a valuable little tract of four acres within the city limits of Waterford.

Mr. Feidler wedded Miss Submit Phelps, July 4, 1872, and ten children, seven sons and three daughters, were born, as follows: Forrest Floyd, resident of Waterford, wedded Miss Lulu Graves and they have two sons—Sidney in high school, and Forrest; Fannie Fern, wife of T. H. Shutters of Dicksonburg, a butter maker and they have one daughter, Reva; Fayette Ford, city clerk of Danville, Illinois, wedded Miss Force and had two children, Robert and Fayette Garth; Ferland F., a boot and shoe salesman in Erie, married Elizabeth Colberg, and has one daughter, Helen Louise; Garth Phelps (deceased); Thora Estelle, wedded Elmer D. Maycook of Waterford, who is a farmer, and has two children, Josephine and Seth; Lawrence, a salesman in Waterford; Theodore B., at home. Mr. Feidler is a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 964 and Mrs. Feidler is a member of the Maccabees. Mr. Feidler was tax collector for twenty-two years and constable for the same length of time and chief of the fire department for twenty years. He has been very efficient in the service of his country and town.

Albert Lieban, deceased, was for many years identified with the business interests of Erie, and he spent his entire business career as a salesman for the Mower Bakery. He was born in Saxony, Germany, which was also the birthplace of his parents, Frederick and Hannah Lieban, but in 1849 the family came to the United States and established their home in Erie, on Tenth street between French and Holland. But later Frederick Lieban bought a farm in Mill Creek township, and there he spent the remainder of his life.

Albert Lieban married in 1874 Miss Wilhelmina Niemyer, a daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina Niemyer, who came from Germany in 1851 and located at the corner of Eighteenth and State streets in Erie, where Mr. Niemyer for a time was a hot house gardener. Later he was located on Parade street, and still later he became an agriculturist in Greene township. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lieban were born four children, John and George, both now deceased; William, a salesman; and Frank, who follows agriculture. John Lieban, the first born son, was during his business life a bookkeeper, and he married Miss Bertha Kisher, who bore him two children, Lenora and Marion. In 1903 Mrs. Albert Lieban and her son Frank moved to their farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Greene township, where they are now engaged in dairying, gardening and general farming.

Francis J. Kilbane. Among the prominent and successful agriculturists of Erie county is numbered F. J. Kilbane, who was born November 23, 1855, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Turkington) Kilbane, who came in their early lives from Ireland to the United States, and locating in New York they were married there in Erie county. From Brant, New York, they came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in October, 1856, and locating in what was then McKean township but which later became a part of Waterford township, they purchased one hundred acres of land. Their farm at the time of purchase was covered with timber, but in time they cleared the land and evolved a splendid home from the wilderness. There the wife and mother died in 1891, and in the following year of 1892 Mr. Kilbane left the farm and now lives with a son-in-law, Coyt Seymour.

On his parents' old farm homestead in Waterford township, F. J. Kilbane grew to sturdy manhood, receiving meanwhile his education in the nearby schools, and from the period of his school days until his marriage he was variously employed. Then turning his attention to agricultural pursuits in December of 1895 he bought the farm in McKean township where he now resides. His present estate of one hundred and twenty-five acres was formerly the property of a Mr. Whiteman, who purchased it from a Mr. Burnet, and at his death it passed to the Whiteman heirs and a portion fell to Robt. Hanna, who married a Miss Whiteman and she died.

Mr. Kilbane bought his land from Miss Hannah Smith. He follows a general line of farming, and has been very successful in his chosen vocation.

He married, January 30, 1883, Miss Emma Iona Osborne, a daughter of Gilbert and Elmira (Thomas) Osborne, who were among the early pioneers of Waterford township. The children of this union are: Charles E., at home with his parents; Dorothy, who was married in January, 1909, to Frank Woods; Chauncy D., a student at the Edinboro State Normal; Bertha, who died when young; and Homer Leroy and Virgil Dewey. Mr. Kilbane is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Waterford, and of the Protected Home Circle. He is a stanch Republican.

Alson M. Butler, who, except for a short period, has been continuously engaged in farming in McKean township for more than thirty-two years, is a native of Chautauqua county, New York, born on the 20th of December, 1853. He is a son of Oscar and Hannah (Randall) Butler, both of whom were born in New York state. In 1862 the father enlisted in the One Hundred and Twelfth New York Infantry, and served therein until the close of the war. Ezekiel, the great-grandfather, was long a captain on the high seas, and the grandfather, Abel, served in the war of 1812. The paternal grandmother of Mr. Butler was Polly (Morgan) Butler, and his maternal grandparents were Elisha and Amy (Brown) Randall. After the Civil war Oscar Butler, the father, continued farming in New York till about 1905 when he moved to Conneaut, Ohio. He is the father of the following children: Clarence, who studied art in Paris for several years, is now a successful member of his profession in Boston, and married Mrs. Harriet E. Friat; Emma, who became Mrs. Taylor and the mother of Bertha and Alson; Eugene, who married Miss Lulu Randall; Alson M., of this sketch;

Julia, who married Gaylord Millard and became the mother of Clyde and Carl—the former marrying Mrs. Edith (Ward) Johnson and the latter, Miss Eva Risley, who bore him a daughter, Julia; Ernest, who married Miss Lois Foster—his first wife bearing him Ethel, Gladys, Lois, Oscar and Laverne—and, after her death, he wedded Miss Ada Austin, who became the mother of Eugene, the parents now residing in Madison county, New York; Lilian, who by her marriage to George Wellman has become the mother of Mada, Merle and George; and Edith, who is the widow of a Mr. Lewis and the mother of Mildred.

A. M. Butler, of this biography, has followed farming from his early youth, migrating from his New York home to Conneaut, Ohio, in 1877, when he was twenty-four years of age. He soon located in Erie county, however, and has since confined his agricultural pursuits to this section of the state, with the exception of a short time that he spent in Kansas. Mr. Butler's wife was formerly Miss Jennie L. Drown, daughter of John and Elvira (Grant) Drown (for mention of whom, see sketch of C. B. Russell). Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler have become the parents of the following: Ruby D. and Rollo, who are now students at the Waterford high school, and Hazel, living at home. Mr. Butler is a Republican. Mr. Butler's great-grandfather, Capt. Ezekiel Butler, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

John W. Veith, a well known farmer of McKean township, is a member of that substantial pioneer family which was established therein by his grandparents in 1843. The ancestors named, John C. and Rachael Veith, were both born in Germany, and in that year settled on a farm of fifty acres, which was partially improved before they finally located in Fairview township. There they passed their last years on a fine country homestead of two hundred acres. The nine children of the family were: Wilhelmina, born in the fatherland in 1833 (all the others being natives of McKean township); Jacob, born in 1835, who became a millwright; Christian, born in 1836, who became the father of John W., and was a farmer and a Union soldier; Mary, born in 1838; Caroline J., in 1840; Gottlieb, a farmer of McKean township, who was born in 1842; George, who was born in 1844 and died in infancy; William, born in 1845, and Louisa, in 1848. Christian Veith married Matilda Lininger, whose parents, John P. and Christina, established the family homestead in Summit township at a very early day.

John W. Veith, of this sketch, was born in McKean township, July 30, 1863, and received his education at the Reed school at South Hill. The earlier period of his mature life was spent in farming and threshing, the latter business covering seventeen seasons. He then sold his farm, spent nearly a year in California and in 1900 returned to McKean township, where for the succeeding seven years he operated a saw and grist mill and a cider factory. At the conclusion of this business period he purchased the farm of sixty-three acres which he now conducts and is his homestead. On September 26, 1900, Mr. Veith married Miss Millie Blount, and they have one child, Dorothea. Although a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 937, at McKean, Mr. Veith is a man of domestic tastes, and usually finds an outlet for his sociability through the family circle and his individual friends. He is a Republican in politics.

Robert James Wade. Noteworthy among the more enterprising and wide-awake business men of Edinboro, Erie county, is Robert James

RESIDENCE OF CHARLES D. ALLEN

Wade, owner and manager of a planing mill, which he is conducting with most excellent results. Industrious and thrifty, honorable in his dealings, he is meeting with unquestioned success in his work, and holds high rank among the citizens of worth and value. A son of William Wade, he was born February 23, 1849, in Canada, where he grew to man's estate. William Wade, born in England, came to America when young, and after his marriage with Margaret McDade, a native of Canada, settled in that country permanently.

At the age of seventeen years, Robert James Wade came with one of his brothers to Erie county in search of work. Locating in Edinboro, both entered the employ of William R. Lewis, with whom they remained eight years, working in his planing mill. Becoming familiar with the management of the business, they then bought out Mr. Lewis, and for a quarter of a century carried on milling under the firm name of Wade Brothers, during that time being, likewise, interested in farming. Buying out his brother's share of the business in 1901, Mr. Wade has since conducted it alone, keeping both mills in operation, and carrying on a very substantial and lucrative business.

Mr. Wade has been twice married. He married first, May 21, 1871, Mary J. Reeder, a daughter of J. C. Reeder, of Edinboro. She died in early womanhood, a few years after her marriage. Mr. Wade married second, Mary E. Reeder, a daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Graham) Reeder, and grand-daughter of Job Reeder, one of the early pioneers of Erie county. Job Reeder, born in New Jersey, came in 1798 to Erie county, locating on the farm formerly occupied by Samuel Reeder, but now the home of Thomas Glitton. On March 1, 1800, he married Nancy Campbell, who was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1783, and came to this part of the state in 1798. Six sons and six daughters were born of their union. Job Reeder cleared and improved a homestead, and at one time had title to five hundred or more acres of land in this vicinity. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a Whig in politics, and in religion was a stanch Presbyterian. He died November 2, 1852, at a ripe old age. His wife survived him, passing away in April, 1870.

Samuel G. Reeder, Mrs. Wade's father, was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Washington township, making his home, with the exception of ten years spent in Michigan, in Erie county. He died in Edinboro, September 2, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade are the parents of one daughter, Nettie Victoria, who graduated from the Edinboro Normal school in the class of 1904. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

CHARLES D. ALLEN is one of the worthy farmers of Venango township, and this calling has been his life's occupation. He began for himself as a renter, but it was not long until he was able to own a farm, and since 1885 has been the owner of one of the finest estates in this part of Erie county, a fertile and well improved farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Venango township. The land is well adapted for dairy purposes, and it is improved with substantial and commodious buildings. His life of energy, perseverance and well merited success is worthy of emulation, and his name is an honored one in the business circles of the community.

Mr. Allen was born in Wattsburg, Erie county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1857, a son of Stephen and Louisa (Smith) Allen, both of whom were from Albany, New York, and they came to Erie county before the birth of any of their children, probably in the year 1835. Their eight children were: Ellen J. Blaksley, Matilda (deceased), Loretta (deceased), Alice James, Louisa (deceased), Stephen (deceased), Charles D. and Polly Potter. The father died in the year of 1868 and the mother survived until 1908.

In May, 1879, Charles D. Allen was married to Miss Belle May, who was born in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, in 1857, a daughter of Wallace May. The eight children of this union are: Lottie, the wife of Charles Morgan; Bertha, Mrs. E. Moore; Myrtle, the wife of Lynn Smith; Dennis, who married Miss Grace Doolittle January 6, 1909, and she taught school previous to her marriage; Inez, a teacher in the public schools; Dora and Nora, twins; and Minnie, the wife of R. Buchanan. Mr. Allen is a sound Republican.

Harry G. Nye. Actively identified with one of the more important factors in aiding the progress, not only of town, county and state, but of the world in general, Harry G. Nye has made a study of electricity, which is destined in time to revolutionize nearly every industry, art, profession and science, but which is now but little known, comparatively speaking. He is a skilful electrician, and has worked in many parts of our country, but is now residing in Edinboro. A native of Erie county, he was born July 2, 1869, in Washington township, a son of Prince and Harriet (Crumb) Nye, of New York state, who bought land in this part of the county in 1850. He comes of thrifty New England stock, his paternal grandfather having been born and bred in Massachusetts.

Receiving his early education in the Swift District School, Harry G. Nye subsequently fitted himself for electrical work by study and work. Having gained some knowledge and experience while living at home, he subsequently continued his work in various states, traveling through Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana, a large part of the time while thus engaged being foreman of either a telephone or telegraph gang of workmen, although for awhile he had supervision of the electrical department of the J. M. Guffy Petroleum Company. Returning to his home county in 1906, Mr. Nye has since been employed in his particular line of work in Edinboro and vicinity. In the spring of 1909, he bought fifteen acres of land near Edinboro, where, although he continues his electrical work, he resides. He intends to devote himself to the raising of fruit, and the growing of poultry, expecting in these industries to find some profit, and much pleasure.

Mr. Nye married Mrs. Jessie E. (Covey) Shadduck, a daughter of Charles and Jennie (Eggleston) Covey. Mr. Covey was born and bred in New York state. He married Jennie Eggleston, who was born in Spring Creek, Pennsylvania, and came with her parents, Artemas and Adaline Eggleston, to North East, Erie county, about 1850. Mrs. Nye's great-great-grandmother was a sister of Commodore Perry's father. Mrs. Nye was graduated from the North East Academy with the class of 1886, and then taught school for two years, after her studies at the Edinboro Normal school, which she attended a year and a half. Mr. Nye is a man of prominence and influence in fraternal circles, belonging

to many of the leading organizations of the county, including the Protected Home Circle; Edinboro Lodge, No. 510, I. O. O. F., of which he is noble grand; the Daughters of Rebekah; and I. B. E. W. Mrs. Meyers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has been, these sixteen years.

EARL D. BATES can take a just pride in knowing that his 100-acre farm in McKean township is one of the most thoroughly cultivated and valuable in this section of the county; for, with the exception of a few years, he has resided upon it for nearly half a century, or since his father sold his woolen mill at Sterrettania, and turned to his forest farm as the chief means of the family support. Earl D., who was then a young man of twenty-six years and just married, vigorously swung the axe, as well as actively cultivated the land, and finally had the satisfaction of letting in the sunshine to every acre of the fertile soil and of seeing the former wilderness blossom into a comfortable and attractive homestead. His proprietorship in the homestead which his own family has now occupied and loved for so many years therefore carries with it both pride and many pleasant recollections.

Mr. Bates is a native of Chautauqua county, New York, born February 21, 1834, and is a son of Alpheus and Welsie (Howard) Bates. In September of the following year the family settled at Sterrettania, McKean township, where the father established a carding factory, which was transformed into a woolen mill in 1840. After he had operated it, with fair success, for twenty years, he disposed of plant and business, buying then the 200 acres in the forest which, in the transformed state of a modern country homestead, is now owned by the son, its virtual creator. Earl D. has lived and labored thereon since 1860, with the exception of six years which he spent at McKean and Mill villages. For fourteen years his work was largely devoted to the raising of produce for the Erie market, but since then he has followed general farming and horse raising.

In 1860 Mr. Bates wedded Miss Mary J. Marsh, daughter of Wilson and Margaret (Miller) Marsh, who migrated from Nova Scotia in 1829 and settled in Otsego county, New York. In 1837 they came to McKean township, their original homestead of fifty acres being subsequently increased to one hundred and fifty. The journey from Otsego county to Erie county was by no means "smooth sailing;" for when the family reached Buffalo they were detained at that port for a week by the ice, and when they finally arrived at Erie were obliged to use both wagon and sled before they were landed at their destination in McKean township. Once there, they fixed their home in the midst of a forest, and diversified their standing meat diet of wild game by sending some member to Erie, each fall, for the purpose of making a haul of fish. The Marshes were a long-lived family, Wilson Marsh not dying on the farm in McKean township until he had reached the age of eighty-two years; and he was the son of a mother who did not pass away until she was well into her one hundred and fifth year. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Marsh, and of this number eight were school teachers in Erie county, two of the daughters beginning this phase of their life when only fifteen years of age. Mrs. Bates herself, who was educated in the county schools, commenced to teach when she was seventeen; after three terms finished her mental training in the city of Erie, and then

taught nine terms before her marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bates attended the old-fashioned log school house, of which one description applies to all, and the former recalls the interesting fact that he has witnessed the rise of the third structure on the site of the crude building which he first attended about sixty-seven years ago. This venerable and honored couple have not been blessed with children, but have blessed the lives of others by rearing ten little ones who had been left without protectors of flesh and blood. It should be one of the most soothing comforts of their old age to realize that in this, as in all else, they have practically followed the precepts of their Christian Master, who took little children in his arms and blessed them with such manly pathos.

Robert Brogdon. One of the well known business men of McKean is Robert Brogdon, whose birth occurred in the mother country of England on the 14th of May, 1876, and he is a son of William and Jane Ann (Hamilton) Brogdon, all of whom were born near the town of Hexham. In 1880 the family came to the United States, and locating first in Erie, Pennsylvania, they lived there for one year and then moved to Waterford township in Erie county. There Mr. Brogdon, the father, is yet living, and although by trade a stone mason, he has for some years past followed farming.

Robert Brogdon spent his boyhood days in Waterford township, receiving his educational training in its public schools, and in the city of Erie he learned the blacksmith's trade. In March of 1905 he came to McKean, and he has since been prominently associated with its business life and interests as a blacksmith. He married in October of 1904, Miss Susan A. Wade, a daughter of Frank and Charlotte Wade, who were numbered among the early settlers of Corry, Pennsylvania, and they are now living in Erie. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brogdon have been born two children, William Wade and Frank Leroy. Mr. and Mrs. Brogdon are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is identified with the fraternal order of Odd Fellows in McKean and with the Brotherhood of St. Paul at Erie, and both he and his wife are members of the Rebekahs. Mr. Brogdon is a stanch Republican.

John O. Baker, formerly a prominent contractor and builder of Erie, established himself in business in 1847, and was actively connected with same until 1907, since which time he has retired from active life. He was born in Essex county, New York, September 23, 1826, and is the son of Charles and Almira (Hunt) Baker. Charles Baker was also carpenter and builder, and a successful business man; he had eleven children, five of whom are living, namely: Georgia, Lydia, Charles J., Jane and John O.

John O. Baker received his education in his native state, and in 1833 removed to Erie, where he learned the trade of boat building, and continued in this business until the substitution of iron and steel as materials for the larger boats made such a decline in his business that he began also to build houses, in connection with his other business. His son Fred W. has now succeeded to his business.

In 1863 Mr. Baker volunteered in the United States Navy, as ship's carpenter, being first assigned to the gunboat "Osage." Later he was transferred to the monitor "Neosho," which was commanded by

Capt. Samuel Howard, who had served as volunteer pilot of the Monitor, which defeated the Merrimac, in their historic struggle. Mr. Baker served twenty months, being mustered out in 1864. Some years since, at a military encampment, he had the surprise and pleasure of meeting the only known living members of the expedition up the Mississippi in which he took part, namely: Bragg, Humphrey and Develing. In this meeting were recalled many conflicts and engagements in which these veterans had taken their honorable part. Mr. Baker is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has a large circle of friends. Some years since Mr. Baker served as member of the city council, of Erie, and he also served as assessor for the Fourth ward.

Mr. Baker married, June 7, 1849, Mary A., daughter of John and Ellen May, and to this union have been born children as follows: Ellen A., now Mrs. Henry Leiter; Frank H., deceased; Frank, deceased; Fred W.; Lois M., now Mrs. Charles M. Loesel, and John E., a pattern maker.

Cassius L. Alexander. Among the representative citizens of Corry, is Mayor Cassius L. Alexander, who has for many years been engaged in business as an undertaker, and who was elected mayor of the city of Corry, in February, 1909, for a term of three years, being then only thirty-four years old. He was born in Wayne township, Erie county, the place in which the birth of his father, Robert Alexander, occurred, August 11, 1837. His grandfather, James Alexander, was born in Mercer county, where his parents located as pioneers.

Learning the carpenter's trade in Mercer county, James Alexander went to Erie county when young, and after working there a few years as a carpenter settled in Wayne township, where he was employed as a tiller of the soil until his death, while yet in manhood's vigor, in 1849. He married Clarissa Yeager, who was born in Wayne township, Erie county, a daughter of Daniel Yeager. A native of Chenango county, New York, Mr. Yeager removed from there to Erie county, Pennsylvania, going with teams through the forest, part of the way following the path by means of blazed trees. Buying a tract of land in the timber, he took possession of the cabin built by the former owner, and at once began the Herculean task of redeeming a farm from the forest. Industrious and enterprising, he succeeded well, and in the course of a few years built a commodious frame house on the turnpike leading from Waterford to Columbus, which, although but a small village, was the nearest market for farm produce. In addition to farming, he made shaved shingles, which he sold at prices ranging from $1.12½ to $2.00 per thousand. He lived on his homestead, esteemed and respected by his neighbors and friends, until his death at the venerable age of ninety years. Mr. Yeager married Polly Cole, a native of Chenango county, New York, and she, too, lived to a good old age. Mrs. Clarissa (Yeager) Alexander died when but fifty-five years of age, leaving six children, as follows: Mary Jane, Robert, Daniel, Nancy, Clara, and Alice.

Left fatherless when a boy, Robert Alexander began when young to assist his mother in supporting the family, and when twelve years old began working out as a farm hand, receiving at first three dollars

a month wages, and continued thus employed until twenty-five years of age. Embarking then in business on his own account, he at first rented land for farming purposes. Meeting with all of the success that he had anticipated, he soon bought a tract of fifty acres of land, nearly one-half of which was under cultivation, and began its further improvement. He erected frame buildings, cleared the greater part of the land, and at the end of fifteen years sold at an advance. He subsequently purchased another farm in Wayne township, not far from his first purchase, and there resided twenty-three years, until 1905, when he moved to Corry. During that time he made improvements of an excellent character, building a brick house and a frame barn, his estate ranking as one of the best and most valuable in the county, his land being unsurpassed for richness and fertility. Mr. Robert Alexander married, in 1862, Sarah M. Dutton, who was born in Otselic, Chenango county, New York, April 5, 1846, a daughter of John Dutton, a native of the same town. Richard Dutton, the great-grandfather of Mr. Alexander, was born, as far as known, in Otselic, and was there reared and married. Later in life he removed with his family to Chautauqua county, New York, travelling in true pioneer style with teams, taking all of his household effects with him. One of the original settlers of Clymer, he bought a tract of heavily timbered land, and on the farm that he wrested from the wilderness spent his remaining years. In 1847, John Dutton, who was reared and educated in Chenango county, and there took unto himself a wife, came to Erie county, bringing with him his wife and children, and settled in Wayne township. Buying land, on which a small patch had been cleared, and a log house erected, he commenced the arduous task of improving a farm. He began life there with a pair of oxen and one cow, and but little of anything else. Ambitious and courageous, he was prospered in his undertakings, clearing a good farm, and in the course of a few years replacing the humble log buildings with substantial frame ones. After occupying the farm a number of years, he removed to Corry, where he lived retired until his death, at the age of sixty-one years. The maiden name of the wife of John Dutton was Mary Ann Raymond. She was born in Otselic, New York, a daughter of Lewis and Annie (Whitford) Raymond, and died at the age of forty-four years. Four of her children grew to mature life, namely: Marcia, Lurancy, Darwin, and Sarah M. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander reared seven children, namely: Mary A., John, Daniel J., Florence, Ward, Cassius L., and Harry.

Cassius L. Alexander received an excellent common school education, and soon after attaining his majority engaged in the undertaking business, in which he has met with good success. Mr. Alexander married Malinda Cody, and they have one child, Margaret. Public-spirited and progressive, he has always taken much interest in local affairs, and served two terms as a member of the city council.

Joseph R. Pope, M. D. A man of marked ability, practical and thorough in his manner of investigating and treating the various diseases to which his attention is called, Joseph R. Pope, M. D., of Corry, is eminently fitted for the general practice of medicine, and, it is needless to say, has met with well-deserved success in his professional career. He was born, May 9, 1849, in Halifax county, North

Carolina, which was also the birthplace of his father, Jacob R. Pope, and of his grandfather, Jacob Pope, the former having first seen the light of this world on May 3, 1821, and the latter in the year 1778. He is of English descent, the emigrant ancestor having come from England to the United States in colonial days, locating in Virginia.

An extensive land owner, Jacob Pope was prosperously employed in agricultural pursuits during his life, carrying on his large plantations with the help of his slaves. He spent his entire life of three score years in his native county, passing away in 1838. His wife, Rosa Bradley, also a life-long resident of North Carolina, attained the remarkable age of ninety-seven years. She reared eight children, as follows: Sarah, Priscilla, Mary, William, Elijah, Jacob R., James, and Joseph.

Inheriting a portion of the parental acres, Jacob R. Pope carried on general farming on a somewhat extensive scale for some years, having the assistance of slaves until they were freed. He spent his entire life in his native state, living in Halifax and Edgecombe counties, his death occurring in 1887. The maiden name of his wife was Martha F. Parker. She was born in Edgecombe county, North Carolina, and died in 1898. Her father, Richard Parker, a contractor, builder and farmer in Edgecombe county, married Mary Turner, also of North Carolina. Nine children blessed the union of Jacob R. and Martha F. Pope, namely: Reboniam, Mary, Joseph R., Samuel, Charles A., Elijah J., Elizabeth, Rosa, and Martha.

Obtaining his early education in the school supported by his father and the neighbors, Joseph R. Pope remained beneath the parental roof until the early part of 1865, then, although not yet seventeen years of age, voluntarily took the place of his father in the Southern army, the Confederate government having called upon the reserves, in which his father's name was enrolled. Going with his command to Greensboro, North Carolina, Mr. Pope was stationed in that vicinity, doing guard duty, until after the surrender of Lee, being in that city when President Davis passed through. Shortly after that time, he, with three or four hundred of his comrades, started on foot for home, a distance of two hundred miles, and at the end of two weeks reached his destination. Continuing his studies, Mr. Pope attended the Horner Classical and Mathematical College, in Oxford, North Carolina. Graduating from that institution, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Charles O. Gregory, of Halifax county, after which he attended a course of lectures at the University of Virginia, and was subsequently graduated from the Bellevue Medical College, in New York City. Beginning the practice of his profession in his native county, Dr. Pope met with undisputed success from the first, remaining there until 1901, when failing health forced him to make a change. In seeking a more congenial climate, the doctor located in Corry, where he has since been in continuous practice, having by his skill met with great success, his patronage now being extensive and remunerative.

Dr. Pope married, in 1881, Adelaide Futrell, whose birthplace was not far from his, in Halifax county. Her father, Henry Futrell, was a native of North Carolina, while her mother, whose maiden name was Caroline Amanda Hancock, was born in Virginia. The doctor and Mrs. Pope are the parents of seven children, namely: Ruth Frances,

wife of Randolph Turner, of Virginia; Grace Amanda; Eva H.; Richard Hunter; Annie Mary; Joseph M.; and Jacob Carl. Dr. Pope and his wife were reared in the Missionary Baptist church, and have always adhered to that faith. Fraternally the doctor is a member of Corry lodge, No. 365, F. & A. M.; of Scotlandneck Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; of Clarence Commandery, No. 51, K. T., of Corry; and of Jonathan Lodge, No. 685, I. O. O. F.

Jerome B. Kitts, one of Summit township's prominent agriculturists, was born in Denmark, Lewis county, New York, on the 3d of October, 1848, a son of Nelson and Angelica (Brower) Kitts, both of whom were also born in the Empire state, the father in Denmark and the mother in Herkimer county. In the year of 1860 they came to North East in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and there followed farming until moving to Wisconsin in 1865. But after nine months in that state they returned to North East, and from there in January of 1868 they came to Summit township and bought the Jay L. Way farm, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Kitts dying there on the 13th of April, 1891, and his wife on the 29th of March, 1883. Their union was blessed by the birth of three children: Delevan, Jacob and Jerome B., but Jacob, the second born, died on March 15, 1896.

Jerome B. Kitts completed his educational training in the North East Academy, and his life's work since that time has been farming, his estate at present comprising thirty-nine and a half acres in Summit township. He married in 1880 Miss Helen L. Bean, a daughter of William A. and Hulda (Norris) Bean, the father born at Nashville, Tennessee, June 3, 1814, while the mother was born on the 16th of March, 1824, and they were married on the 11th of September, 1848. Mr. Bean had come to Erie county about 1840, and he secured one hundred acres of timber land on the old French road between Erie and Waterford, and there in addition to his general agricultural pursuits he also followed butchering quite extensively. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Kitts were Colonel B. F. and Roxena (Lee) Norris, who were numbered among the earliest of the pioneers of Summit township. They secured land on the old Waterford pike just midway between Erie and Waterford, and as his house stood upon the natural watershed a part of the rain that fell upon it reached the Gulf of Mexico and a part, the Great Lakes. At that historic old place Colonel Norris conducted a tavern and followed farming. He as well as the grandfather of Mr. Kitts, Jacob F. Kitts, were soldiers in the war of 1812, and the latter was also numbered among the heroes of the Revolutionary struggle. On his mother's side Mr. Kitts' ancestors suffered from the early massacres of the Revolutionary period. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bean: Benjamin B., born December 1, 1849; Erie Anna, who was born May 8, 1851, and died June 17, 1894; William Pierce, who was born on August 21, 1853, and died on June 6, 1859; Helen Ellda, born March 21, 1855; Reginald F., born September 3, 1856; Roxa Dean, born January 11, 1858; Wilber R., who was born January 15, 1859, and died June 21, 1868; Esquire C., who was born in May 1860; Martin Ellsworth, born August 25, 1862; Alfaretta F., born February 8, 1864; and Leo London, born December 18, 1866.

Ray S., the only son and child of Mr. and Mrs. Kitts, was born on the 5th of May, 1881, and on April 4, 1908, he was united in marriage

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to Miss Carrie Volkman, of McKean township. He is engaged in the restaurant business in the town of McKean. He is a Modern Woodman and also a member of the I. O. O. F. in McKean.

Mr. Kitts is a Democrat and he has been township treasurer, road commissioner and school director. Mrs. Kitts is a member of the Universalist church.

Willard C. Johnson, late of Venango township, was one of the most intelligent and prosperous agriculturists of this part of the Western Reserve, and during his active career, which was passed in this vicinity, he won for himself an enviable reputation as an honest man and a good citizen, and as one who contributed his full share toward the advancement of one of the finest counties in the state of Pennsylvania. A son of Giles Johnson, he was born, in 1852, in Venango township, and died on his farm in 1908, his death being a cause of general regret. He was of pioneer descent, his grandfather, James Johnson, having been an early settler of Erie county. James Johnson married a Miss Robbins, and they became the parents of five children, Wilton, John, Giles, Betsey, and James. Giles Johnson married Melvina Willard, a native of Venango township, Erie county, and they reared three children, namely: Willard C., Clinton, the first-born child, and Byron.

Having received a good common school education, Willard C. Johnson began farming, and finding the occupation both congenial and profitable made it his life work. He first purchased land in Greenfield township, where he was successfully employed as a tiller of the soil until 1897. Coming then to Venango township, the place of his nativity, he bought the farm now operated by his widow and sons, and was there successfully employed in his chosen pursuit until his death. The farm contains one hundred acres of rich and fertile land, capable of supporting thirty cows, the dairy at the present writing, in 1909, consisting of twenty-seven cows. Mr. Johnson diligently improved his property during his active life, his farm, with its substantial buildings, being one of the most valuable and attractive in the neighborhood, giving ample evidence to the passer-by of his skill and good taste as a practical farmer and a rural householder. He was always interested in local affairs, and served as township treasurer, and as school director. He belonged to the Grange, and was a member of the Protected Home Circle.

Mr. Johnson was twice married. He married first, May 7, 1877, Addie Oakley. She died March 31, 1891, leaving six children, namley: Jesse H., who married Alice Siegle and has one little son, Howard C.; June W. married Maude Cowley; Lois Melvina, wife of S. Cardott, of Greenfield township; G. D.; Don C., who married May English; and L. James. Mr. Johnson married second, December 16, 1891, Mildred Hayward, a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, and of their union four children were born, namely: Jerrold, Ethel, Otis and Addie. Mr. Johnson was a Democrat politically. The Johnson homestead of which a view is presented is named "The Orchard Farm."

John J. Painter. During many years Mr. John J. Painter has been identified with the business interests of Erie county, and he is now engaged in farming in McKean township. He was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1851, and his parents, James and Mary (Irvin) Painter, also had their nativity in that county, and there the mother died. The husband and father passed away in Texas. To

James and Mary (Irvin) Painter were born three sons and one daughter: John I., the eldest; Joseph, resident of Elk county; Arvilla, wife of Edward Hartman, resident of Forest county; and William, a resident of Elk county.

John J. Painter spent the first six years of his life in his native county of Clarion, and then moving with the family to Forest county, he was educated there. Later on he went to Elk county, where he taught school, and from there came to McKean township and engaged in the oil business. Some time later he moved to the city of Erie, where for three years he followed the butchering business, and then worked in the Market House until he came to McKean township and purchased thirty acres of land and has since been identified with agricultural pursuits.

On the 9th of August, 1876, Mr. Painter married Miss Mary Gardner, whose early home was near Niagara Falls, New York. He is an honored and valued member of Irwin Lodge, No. 1100, I. O. O. F., of Erie; a member of Heneosis Adelphon Encampment No. 42 at Erie; also a member of the Canton at Erie and has been delegate to the grand lodge several times. At present time he holds the office of financial secretary of his lodge and has been in charge of this office for twenty-two years. Both he and his good wife are active members of the Rebekahs.

Henry E. Veith, who was born in McKean township on the farm where he still resides with his widowed mother, is of a good and substantial German family which became connected with the agricultural interests of Erie county, sixty-six years ago. His grandparents, John Christian and Rachael (Noadell) Veith, were both natives of the fatherland, and settled in the township in 1843. There John C. purchased, cleared and improved about fifty acres of land; afterward located in Fairview township and in the latter section of the county became the owner of two hundred acres of fine farming property and otherwise attained substantial standing as a citizen. To him and his good wife were born the following: Jacob, in November, 1835, who was a well known millwright; Christian, a farmer, who was born in 1836 and served in the Civil war; Gottlieb, father of Henry, in 1842; George, who was born in 1844 and died in infancy; William (youngest of the sons), who was born in 1845; Wilhelmina, the first child, was born in Germany in 1833; Mary, the second daughter, born in June, 1838; Caroline Jane, in January, 1840, and Louisa, in July, 1848. The maternal grandparents were John P. and Christina Lininger, and at an early day they settled in Summit township, Erie county, where they established a family homestead through the usual pioneer methods of clearing the land of the forest, grubbing the stumps, plowing up the stubborn sod and tree roots, and erecting, year by year, the needful buildings and other improvements.

Gottlieb Veith, the son, inherited some of the advantages of this hard and faithful work of his sturdy parents, and by added years of labor on his own part finally purchased the ninety-five acre farm to which he gave his constant and skilful care until his death in 1905. In his early manhood he had married Miss Matilda Lininger, a native of Summit township, and the seven children born to them were Clark, Albert, John, Henry, Manning, Emma and Cassius Veith.

As stated, Henry E. Veith was born on the old farm in McKean township, the date of his birth being December 8, 1868, and since the

death of his father has been managing the estate and caring for his mother. He is actively identified with the fraternal and secret work of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 937, in McKean, and is highly honored both for his own stable traits of character and as the representative of a substantial pioneer family of Erie county. Both Mr. Veith and his mother are members of the Lutheran church at McKean.

Henry S. Cutler. Throughout nearly his entire life Mr. Cutler has been identified with the life and interests of Erie county, and since attaining to years of maturity he has been one of its leading business men, well and prominently known as a hotel proprietor, farmer and stockman. He was born in Rutland, Vermont, in 1832, but only six years after his birth, in 1838, the family came to Girard in Erie county, and from here after a time moved to Crawford county of this state. There his parents, Gilbert and Sarah (McConnell) Cutler, spent the remainder of their lives and died. They had been hotel proprietors there for many years.

In 1865 Henry S. Cutler came to Edinboro and entered the hotel business, and this city has ever since remained his home. He is variously interested in a business way, owning various farming properties near the city, and making a specialty of the breeding of fast horses, of which he has raised many fine specimens, and he has proved a decided success in this line.

Mr. Cutler married in 1874 Miss T. T. Spencer, and they have a son and a daughter, Allie and Frank, both of whom are graduates of the Edinboro State Normal. The daughter is the wife of Harry Cooper, and they have one child, Dorothy Ruth. Mr. Cutler is a Republican and a Mason.

Stephen K. Tallmadge is a member of one of the first families to seek a home within the borders of Erie county, and its founder here was his paternal grandfather, Elisha Tallmadge, for many years one of the county's prominent agriculturists and business men. He was born in Connecticut, and it was about the year of 1795 that he came to Erie county. Here he shortly afterward purchased two hundred acres of land in what is now Summit township, but later he traded that property for two hundred acres in McKean township, which he cleared and improved.

Among his children was a son James, who became the grandfather of Stephen K. He was born in Dutchess county, New York, December 22, 1773, and coming with his parents to Erie county he remained one of its faithful and honored citizens until his death. He had the distinction of bringing the first seed wheat into the county, it having been brought from Buffalo, and he served his country well and faithfully as a soldier of the war of 1812, and he had the honor of helping to erect the block house in Erie. He married on the 12th of September, 1797, Rachael Kinsey, a native daughter of Bucks county, New York, and she survived her husband and died on the 24th of January, 1866. Mr. Tallmadge passed away in death on March 24, 1855.

Stephen K. Tallmadge was born at the old family homestead in McKean township on June 15, 1814, and on the 12th of December, 1843, he was married to Sallie Gulliford, who was born in Pennsylvania Feb-

ruary 26, 1826, and their union was blessed by the birth of five children. Thomas W., the second child, was born in McKean township on the 3d of November, 1847, received his education in its public schools, and since leaving the school room has been identified with the work of the fields. His estate contains four hundred and eight acres of well cultivated and fertile land, and he follows a general line of farming. He married on the 26th of January, 1871, Miss Nettie C. Morey, a member of another of the prominent old families of Erie county, and one son was born to them, Myron J. Tallmadge, whose natal day was the 2d of April, 1872.

Myron J. Tallmadge received his educational training in the district schools near his early home and in the Edinboro State Normal, and for four years after the completion of this training he taught school. Preferring an agricultural to a professional life, he then turned his attention to farming, and has since been engaged along this line, at the present time owning and operating a valuable estate of one hundred and forty acres in McKean township. On the 22d of February, 1897, he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Peffer, and their children are Alta May and Harry Woods. Mr. Tallmadge is a stanch Republican.

William Coburn, who is living on his valuable farm near McKean, in retirement and ease, is a son of the Empire state, born on the 5th of January, 1835. He is a son of Hezekiah and Dorcas (Frances) Coburn, also of New York, and when a young boy was brought by his parents to the family farm in McKean township. The father cleared the modest tract of land which was thenceforth to be his homestead, and spent the remaining years of his life in its cultivation and improvement. William Coburn, the son, has followed in the paternal footsteps, and has prospered both as a farmer and an honored citizen.

Mr. Coburn's wife was, before her marriage, Miss Katherine Ann Caldwell, and the children born to them have been as follows: Ida, who married Harvey Johnson and died as the mother of Clare, Carl and Charles; Marilla, who is the wife of De Forest Johnson and has borne him Mamie, Ralph, Holden, Ruth, Florence, Perry, Margaret, Paul and Choice; and Reed Coburn. The last named is engaged in the retail meat trade and in farming at McKean. He was married November 9, 1902, to Miss Rethie Johnson, of Union City, Pennsylvania, who is a daughter of Mark and Rose (Hill) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Reed Coburn are the parents of Dorothea and Lloyd.

Willard F. Pifer was born on the farm in Washington township on which he now resides, and he is a member of two of the oldest families of Erie county. On the paternal side his grandparents came to this country from Germany, and locating in Massachusetts they later drove from there with ox teams to Pennsylvania and established their home in the then wilderness of Washington township, Erie county, while on his mother's side he also represents a family which in an early day made the journey with ox teams from the east to Erie county, and arriving here after a long and adventurous trip they located just south of where the city of Erie now stands. There they built the stone house which is yet standing, but after a time they left that place and moved to a farm in LeBoeuf township.

These families were united by the marriage of Davis Pifer and Elizabeth Cline, both of whom were born in Massachusetts and lived

long and useful lives, dying respectively at the ages of eighty-six and eighty-two years. Davis Pifer bought the farm of one hundred acres in Washington township, near Edinboro, which is now the home and property of his son Willard, but at the time of the purchase this land was in its virgin wildness and he was obliged to clear away its dense growth of timber ere he could cultivate and improve his fields. He lived and labored there for many years, and from there was finally called to his last resting place. He was first married to Elizabeth Culberson, who bore him the following children who reached mature years: John, William, Mary, Ellen and James. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Elizabeth (Cline) Lawyer, the widow of Solomon Lawyer, who was drowned in French creek in 1846 while crossing in a skiff. Three of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lawyer, Henry, Mary and Anna, grew to adult age, and two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pifer, Willard and Alma.

Willard F. Pifer, born June 5, 1851, has spent his entire life at his present home. His valuable estate now contains two hundred and fifty acres, all of which are fertile and well improved. He married on the 25th of October, 1873, Miss Katherine Rockwell, and they have had three children, Dora, Elvey and Emmet, and they also have an adopted son, Thomas. The elder daughter, Dora, married Burnett Mitchell, of Cambridge township, Crawford county, and they have a son, Kenneth. Elvey married Joe Maxon, a railroad employe in Conneaut, Ohio, and they also have a son, Charles Leslie. Emmet married June Kline, and Thomas is yet at his parents' home. Mr. Pifer is a Democrat. He is a member of I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 510, of Edinboro, and he has passed all the chairs and was a delegate to the grand lodge. Mrs. Pifer is a member of the Presbyterian church at Edinboro.

Philip Kinter. Both by direct descent and maternal connections, as well as through his wife's family, Philip Kinter, a farmer of substantial income and high character in Washington township, is identified with the pioneer agriculture and institutions of Erie county. His grandparents, Philip and Susan Kinter, came hither from Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, at a very early day, and first located on a farm in Franklin township. At a somewhat later date the paternal grandfather took up twelve hundred acres of land in Washington township, then mostly covered with forest, but since cleared, cultivated to the modern limit, and divided into several productive and beautiful farms. Philip Kinter, the grandfather, made away with many acres of the huge forest trees himself, working and dying with contentment on his original purchase; his grandson, the Philip Kinter, of this sketch, is the owner and occupant of a portion of the old homestead. The father, John Kinter, owned one hundred and seventy-five acres of the old estate, dying on the farm where he was born. By his marriage to Miss Alvira Crow he became the father of seven children, all of whom were also born and reared on the dear old place.

This is the birthplace of Philip Kinter and he was educated in a district school of the neighborhood, having, since his youth, either farmed on the paternal place or on his own property of fifty acres. On January 7, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma McGahen, daughter of Theron and Hannah (McGahen) McGahen,

both early settlers of Erie county. Her paternal grandparents, George and Elizabeth McGahen, were natives respectively of Canada and Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and located in Washington township as early pioneers. Her maternal grandfather was also a Canadian and the grandmother a native of Westmoreland county, and likewise became settlers of the township at a very early day. These children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kinter, as follows: Tunis and Blanche, died when about a year old; Bertha became Mrs. Roy Simpkins, of Edinboro, and is the mother of Ward Philip Simpkins; Nellie, a school teacher, educated in Edinboro Normal school and three years a teacher; and Muriel, graduated in class of 1908, and at home. Mr. Kinter is a true blue Republican.

Gardner Edward Peck. A retired farmer of Harbor Creek township now residing at Wesleyville, Gardner E. Peck comes of unusually patriotic ancestry. His mother's grandfather, Zebelon Bidwell, of East Hartford, was a brave captain in the Revolutionary war and was so severely wounded at Saratoga Springs, New York, that shortly after that engagement he died of his injuries. Among the heirlooms most treasured by Mr. Peck is a silver band worn by this patriot at the time he received his mortal wound. Mr. Peck's parents were Zalmon E. and Mary (Bellows) Peck, both natives of Fairfield, Connecticut, and the grandfathers on both sides of the family were Edmund Peck and Isaac Bellows. The father, Zalmon E. Peck, was a farmer and school teacher of Harbor Creek township and was thus engaged when he responded to the first call for troops in the Civil war and enlisted in McLane's regiment for the three months' service. He only reached Pittsburg on his way to the front before his short term expired, then returned to Erie, Pennsylvania; where he joined the One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment for the two years' service. At the conclusion of this period he was honorably discharged and after remaining at home for a year, again entered military life by joining the Seventh United States Infantry then stationed at Fort Schuyler, New York. After a year he was transferred with that command to St. Augustine, Florida, where he remained until his final discharge in 1867. The elder Mr. Peck became a resident of Harbor Creek township in 1834 and with the exception of the few years of his military services continued to farm in that locality until his death in 1878 at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife passed away in 1893, aged eighty-seven years.

Gardner E. Peck, of this sketch, was one in a family of two boys and three girls; was educated in the district schools of Harbor Creek township; reared on the old homestead and remained with his parents until his marriage in 1872. Soon afterward he removed to Butler county, where for two years he was employed in various oil developing enterprises and then returned home and engaged in farming. To the original sixty acres which he received from his father he has added eighty acres and devoted the entire tract to dairy farming until his retirement in comfortable circumstances in 1905. In that year he rented his farm and removed to Wesleyville, where he erected one of the finest and most modern residences. Although he is retired from active work, he still takes a deep interest in public affairs and especially in the improvement of the public highways of the locality,

having served as road commissioner since 1902. In politics he is a Republican and has always thrown his influence toward the best progress of the public school system, having served as school director for nine years.

On February 6, 1862, Mr. Peck married Miss Sarah Adelaide Shadduck, also a native of Harbor Creek township, born May 1, 1847, daughter of George and Sarah Amanda (Bellows) Shadduck. Her father was a native of Greenfield township, this county, but her mother was born in Cortland county, New York, where her family has been long established. The paternal grandparents were Joseph and Betsy (Willard) Shadduck, the former being a native of Connecticut, and the maternal grandparents, Isaac and Mary (Crowfoot) Bellows, natives of New York. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner E. Peck were as follows: Zalmon, who died in 1878 before his sixth year; Leslie G., a practicing attorney of Erie, Pennsylvania, wedded Miss Edith J. Bole and has two children, Leslie E. Jr. and Donald B.; Luella, who became Mrs. Clio King and died in March, 1906, at the age of twenty-seven years; and Almina, who married Rev. Arthur Sangston, a Baptist clergyman of New Bethlehem. She was educated in instrumental music, especially as a violinist, at Buffalo, Hill's Music School in Jamestown, New York, and Dana's Music School, at Warren, Ohio.

William J. Stafford, a well known citizen of McKean township engaged in general farming and dairying, was born in that section of Erie county, September 12, 1858. He is a son of Pliny A. and Polly (Hird) Stafford, the former (deceased) having been born in McKean township and the latter in Chautauqua county, New York. The paternal grandfather, Job Stafford, married Phoebe Arthur, both being New Hampshire people who settled in McKean township about 1800. Before coming to that locality they spent a short time in Mill Grove, but finally purchased two hundred acres of land in the wilderness of what is now McKean township, immediately north of the farm now owned and occupied by William J. Stafford. The grandfather spent his active life on the farm, and then retired to McKean, where he became one of the early postmasters and a most respected pioneer citizen. The father was born on the old McKean township farm, but in his manhood purchased one hundred acres near Branchville, dying on that homestead during 1865. At the time of his death he had cleared part of his farm and made other improvements which had already made it quite a valuable property. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Stafford were David and Betsie (Quigley) Hird, who, at an early date, came from Chautauqua county, New York, and bought the land at Branchville, Erie county, which became the homestead on which they spent the remaining years of their lives.

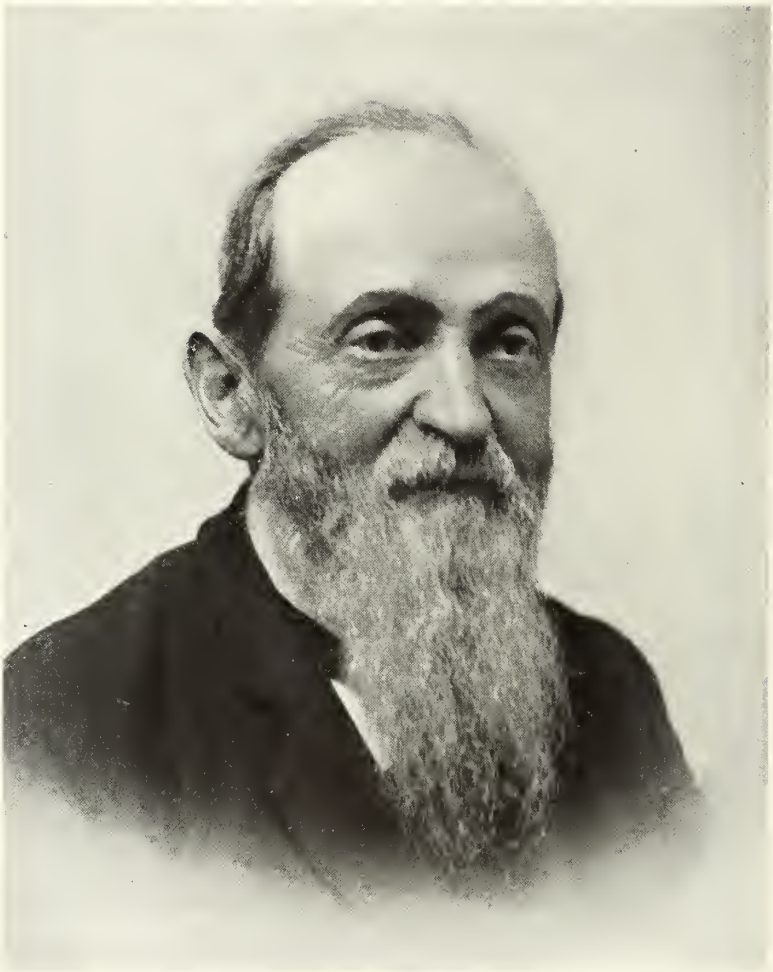
William J. Stafford, of this sketch, received his education in the district schools of McKean township, and has always been engaged in general agricultural pursuits or dairy farming. He now devotes a fine ten-acre tract to these purposes. He is a Republican, and among the local offices which he has held is that of township clerk for several years. His fraternal affiliations are as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Commodore Perry Lodge No. 937 at McKean, and both he and his wife are Rebekahs. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford

are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church at McKean. October 3, 1881, Mr. Stafford married Miss Ida C. Bayle, daughter of Niram and Phoebe (Tuckey) Bayle. Her father bought the farm, which is now the Stafford homestead, and there followed farming and butchering until he retired to McKean, where he still lives. A daughter, Flora, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, and she died in 1901, her decease just at the time when she was developing into the fair promise of young womanhood being a severe blow to them. We append herewith a short biography.

Miss Flora Stafford, the only child of William J. and Ida C. Stafford, and the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Bayle and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Stafford, deceased, was born near McKean, Erie county, August 28, 1882, and died April 9, 1901, after a protracted illness of nearly four months, borne by her without murmuring. Flora was a dutiful, modest and beloved daughter, bringing nothing but comfort to father, mother and grandparents. She was a young lady much beloved in the community by young and old, her Sunday School class especially lamented her death most deeply. To the bereaved family and friends there is the blessed comfort of her sweet, true life which shall go on influencing for good, and the precious hope of meeting her again when this life's short day is past. The funeral was held in the Methodist Episcopal church at McKean, Friday, April 12, 1901, and her mortal remains were laid to rest in McKean cemetery.

Royal B. Searls. One of the veteran farmers and saw mill operators of Erie county, Royal B. Searls, of Harbor Creek township, who is now operating a fine farm on the shores of Lake Erie, also has the honor of faithful service in the United States Navy during the Civil war period. He is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, born on Christmas day of 1837, being a son of Luther P. and Sarah Ann (Ellis) Searls. His father was a son of the Green Mountain state and his mother was born in the picturesque country near Lake Champlain, New York. His grandparents were Luther and Chloe (Manly) Searls, the grandfather coming from Vermont to Erie county, about 1814, driving overland in a wagon and finally settling one half mile south of Harbor Creek station. There he resided until 1836 when he sold his property and removed to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, but he had become so attached to his original farm that one year later he repurchased it and passed the last days of his life upon it.

After their marriage the parents of Royal B. located at Erie where the father was first employed at his trade as a tanner. In after years he became connected with the steam boat business and was acting as oiler for the "Erie" when it burned to the water's edge off Silver Creek, causing the death of its five hundred emigrant passengers with the exception of twenty-nine who were saved as if by miracle. Among the latter was Luther P. Searls himself who clung to his post of danger and was the last man to leave the boat. In 1854 he located at Harbor Creek where he purchased and conducted a farm as well as a saw mill and tannery. The last years of his life were spent in retirement, his home being with Royal B., of this sketch, and his death occurring March 7, 1896. His wife had died at Harbor Creek in 1881. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther P. Searls were as follows: Royal B., of this sketch; John died January 25,



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1909, was an inmate of the National Soldiers' Home of eastern Tennessee; he enlisted in Erie in Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry in 1862, was there over three years and was in a number of battles, and civil engineer; and Frank, a resident of Rochester, New York, for fifteen years.

Royal B. Searls received his early education at the academy in Erie and resided at home until January 14, 1864, when he went to New York City and enlisted in the United States Navy, being assigned to the steamer "Galatea." In this capacity he served for one year at Cape Hayti, being discharged January 14, 1865, at the navy headquarters of Brooklyn, New York. He remained at home until his marriage December 25, 1867, and as this was his thirtieth birthday he has always observed it as a double anniversary. After his marriage Mr. Searls moved to Harbor Creek township and after renting a farm for about a year settled upon the paternal homestead where he remained for about ten years. He then purchased twenty-eight acres in Greene township, cultivating the land but never making it his residence. Six years later he removed to Crawford county where he purchased a tract of timber land and conducted a saw mill. This line of business was so congenial to him that upon his removal to Chautauqua county, New York, he continued in that line and conducted saw mills there in various places in that section of the state. In 1892 he purchased sixty-eight acres in the northeast part of Harbor Creek township bordering on the shores of Lake Erie and has since improved this tract into a profitable farm both for the raising of fruit and general crops. Throughout all of these business and agricultural transactions he has remained a steadfast Republican and been deeply interested in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, being now a member of Post No. 67, of Erie, Pennsylvania.

As stated Mr. Searls celebrated his first marriage December 25, 1867, his wife, formerly Miss Adelaide Stiveson, being born near Rome, New York. The children of this union were: Myrtie, who became Mrs. Burr Phillips and died about 1887; Ettie, Mrs. Alfred Haynes, a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Mamie, who married James Messenger, a resident of Wattsburg, Pennsylvania, and is the mother of Royal E. and Florence Alberta Messenger; and Burr, who is still living at home. Mrs. Adelaide Searls died in March, 1891, and Mrs. Searls' marriage to Miss Emma S. Kinsinger occurred December 25, 1899. His wife is a native of Amity township, Erie county, and a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Bargain) Kinsinger, her father being born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and his wife in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Lantz) Kinsinger were natives of Germany and of the maternal grandparents, John and Susanna (Shaffer) Bargain, the grandfather was a native of Ireland, and the grandmother of Germany. Mrs. Searls was educated in the common schools.

Charles F. Rockwell, deceased, was for many years one of the most influential and best loved men of the town in which he lived—Girard, Pennsylvania. He was born at Wilton, Connecticut, February 13, 1826, son of Philander and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rockwell, who were natives of that state, and who died there, leaving a family of nine children, of whom Charles F. was the third in birth. He grew up under the care of his sister. At the age of sixteen he began clerking, and for three years worked for his board and clothes. When he was nineteen he borrowed $13, and went to New York City, where he was employed as clerk in a retail grocery store, at $75 and board for the first year,

and the second year his wages were increased to $10 per month. Afterward he worked in a wholesale house, where, in addition to his board, the first year his employer gave him his note for $100; the second year, $300, and the third, $350. Also for a time he was employed as bookkeeper in a wholesale and retail dry goods house. Out of his small salary during these years he managed to save a portion, and in 1852, having accumulated about $500, he came to Girard and engaged in mercantile business, opening up with a $5,000 stock. By good management and careful attention to business, he made a success of his undertaking, and conducted his store for many years, up to 1882, when he sold out. After that he became interested in the Girard Wrench Manufactory, one of the largest establishments of its kind in the world, in which he held an interest, and with which he was actively connected as general manager until the time of his death, which occurred at Girard, August 26, 1908.

While Mr. Rockwell was devoted to his business, and worked early and late to achieve the success which he enjoyed, he found his chief pleasure in his home, surrounded by his family. He married, in New York City, July 29, 1849, Miss Eliza J. Bessey, a native of Connecticut, and the fruits of their union were four children, two of whom are now living. Emma, widow of Carlton G. Luce, resides with her mother and has three children, Fred G., who wedded Miss Helen Hall of Girard, William C., and Ella R. The other daughter, Ida, who married W. W. Hart, is also a widow, and she, too, resides in Girard, with her children. Her eldest daughter Eva, is the wife of Frank Peters, of Girard, and has one little son, William Hart Peters; the other children of Mrs. Hart's are May, Bessey, Rockwell C. and William Lynn Hart.

During the period, covering more than half a century, in which Mr. Rockwell lived in Girard, he was a prominent factor not only in the business life of the town, but also in church and social circles. It was under his directions that the old Universalist church was remodeled and made into an attractive and imposing structure. He was a regular attendant upon church service, and even up to the last Sunday of his life it was his privilege and pleasure to be in his place at church. Like most leaders in a community, he was a man of few words. He was a man of deeds. He avoided display in his acts of kindness and in his deeds of charity, but he gave freely of his means to the poor and needy. His life, crowded with its various activities, was rounded out with the pleasures of travel. At different times he visited many parts of the United States and frequently made trips into Canada. In the death of Charles F. Rockwell, Girard lost one of its oldest and best citizens. His widow, who for nearly sixty years traveled life's pathway with him, has long been active in church work, and in various ways has taken a deep interest in the welfare of the community. It was largely through her influence and support that Girard was able to obtain the beautiful library, of which the town can now boast.

William F. Gray, who operates a fine fruit farm about one mile north of Harbor Creek, is a native of the township of that name, and was born December 9, 1858. He is a son of John and Jane (Martin) Gray, both natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. His grandfathers on both sides of the family, Robert Gray and James Martin, were also both born in that country. His parents married in Ireland and reached Harbor Creek township, this county, on the 7th of July, 1847, at once locat-

ing on the timber farm of forty-seven acres which the husband had purchased. This he cleared, cultivated and improved for the balance of his life, dying April 1, 1883, his wife dying November 20, 1896, the mother of eight children.

William F. Gray, of this review, is the youngest of seven sons and he attended the district schools of the neighborhood and resided with his parents as long as they lived, faithfully assisting his father in clearing his land and in the improvement of the family homestead. He is now the proprietor of a fine fruit farm, three acres of which are cultivated to grapes and the balance chiefly to apples, pears and plums. He is unmarried and is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and in politics, a firm Democrat.

Frank Blaine Crawford is one of the best known business men of North East township and a member of one of the county's oldest and most honored families. In company with his brother, William T., he in 1880 took charge of the old Crawford farm of ninety-eight acres, and about five years afterward they set out thereon six acres of vineyard. the nucleus of their present large business. Each year since that time they have added to their vineyard until it now covers one hundred and fifty-five acres, and in addition the brothers are large land owners, owning ninety-eight acres in one tract, one hundred and forty-eight acres in another and one hundred acres in still another place, and of this large acreage what is not used in their grape culture is devoted to general agricultural purposes. They ship from their farms about 2,000 tons of grapes, every year, and they are both extensive buyers and shippers. In 1893 they built a large warehouse, with a capacity of two cars a day.

Frank Blaine Crawford was born in the township of North East June 3, 1865, a son of Thomas Childs and Ruth A. (Wilcox) Crawford, both also from this township, and a grandson of William and Nancy (Blaine) Crawford. Thomas C. Crawford was a farmer throughout life, and of the family of three sons and two daughters Frank B. was the youngest born. He married on the 15th of September, 1908, Mary Wilcox, the widow of A. W. Connor, formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is a Republican politically and served three years a member of the city council of North East. He is a member of the fraternal order of Masons, Lodge No. 399, and of the Presbyterian church.

Andrew Jackson, long an active farmer of Harbor Creek township who retired to Wesleyville during the last few years of his life, was a native of Delaware county, New York, where he was born August 12, 1839. His parents were Luther D. and Martha (Morrison) Jackson, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of New York City. The grandfathers on both sides of the family were Meeker Jackson, of an old New England family and Mr. Morrison, a native of Ireland who became acquainted with his future wife on his way to the United States. The later generations of the Jackson family transferred their agricultural labors from Connecticut to Delaware county, New York, where, as stated, Andrew Jackson was born.

He received a good education in the home schools of his county finally graduating from the Delhi high school and being the next oldest of the seven children his parents largely depended upon him to assist them in the support of the household. The result was that he resided at

home until his marriage in 1860. After that event he took up his residence in Delaware county, New York, where he remained for seven years and in 1872 located in Waterford township and purchased a good farm upon which he resided with his family until 1897. In that year he disposed of his property and settled at Wesleyville where he purchased a comfortable home in which he passed his last days, dying June 17, 1900. To the last he was a faithful member of the Baptist church.

On June 5, 1860, Mr. Jackson married Miss Ellen J. Bishop, a native of Ulster county, New York, June 19, 1842, a daughter of John and Jane Eliza (Van Gaasbeek) Bishop. Her parents were also both born in Ulster county, New York, the maternal family being of old Dutch stock. The father was an honest and successful farmer and removed from Ulster county to Greene county, New York, where he died July 6, 1854. He was born August 12, 1810, and had therefore not reached his forty-fourth birthday. His wife, born February 7, 1814, died August 25, 1854, in the forty-first year of her age. The children born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson were as follows: Mary E., born January 12, 1862, who is now Mrs. Frank Barton, residing in Waterford township; Elmer, March 31, 1863, who lives in Union township; Charles, March 5, 1865, and now residing at Erie City; Harvey D., April 26, 1867, living in Denver, Colorado; Julia Stella, April 16 1869, died as an infant August 12, of that year; Frank L., born February 7, 1874, a resident of Wesleyville; and Fred, who was born May 7, 1876, and also resides at that place.

Judge J. B. Cessna, a well known member of the Erie county bar and a leading resident of the city of Erie, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1840. His great-grandfather, John Cessna, was a member of the convention which framed the constitution of Pennsylvania in 1776. He also served for three terms as sheriff of Bedford county, being elected in 1779, 1781 and 1783. At the time the colonists, aroused by the continued encroachments of the British government upon their liberties, took up arms against the mother country he joined the American forces and served as a major in the Revolutionary war. Later he was with General Washington in suppressing the whisky insurrection of western Pennsylvania. He represented one of the oldest families of that state, his grandfather having arrived in Pennsylvania in 1690—a Huguenot seeking freedom and liberty.

William Cessna, father of Judge Cessna, was born in Pennsylvania in 1800 and died in Bedford county in 1864. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Morgart, was also a native of the Keystone state, born in 1789. She was of German lineage and died in 1860. For a long period she had been a prominent member of the old-school Baptist church and was a fluent writer on church topics, contributing many articles to the newspapers and magazines of her faith. Unto William and Rachel Cessna were born eleven children, six of whom are yet living. One son, Hon. John Cessna, was for three terms speaker of the Pennsylvania house of representatives and for three terms represented the Eighteenth district of the state in Congress.

Judge Cessna, the youngest of this family, acquired his early education in the public schools and afterward attended the Allegheny Male and Female Academy at Rainsburg, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he was graduated from the Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster,

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Pennsylvania, in July, 1864, and a year afterward was admitted to the bar in Bedford county, having thoroughly qualified for the practice of law. He then followed his profession in Bedford and other counties until April, 1885, when he removed to Hastings, Nebraska. He had been admitted to practice before the supreme court of Pennsylvania, May 15, 1868, and on the 26th of January, 1876, was admitted to practice before the United States supreme court on motion of the Hon. Jeremiah Black. Before his removal to the west Judge Cessna was connected with a number of very important cases, notably that of Noble vs. The Thompson Oil Company. This case was in the courts for fifteen years and the original decision had been reversed by the Pennsylvania supreme court before Judge Cessna became interested in it. On the third argument a judgment obtained in the court below was unanimously affirmed; it was then taken to the supreme court of the United States, Judge Cessna being connected with the case as counsel for the plaintiff in the court below and defendant in error. In March, 1879, the case was decided in favor of the defendants in the United States supreme court by a divided court, four judges for affirmation and four against, the court writing no opinion. The case involved fifty thousand dollars and was of great legal importance, as many intricate points were in controversy. Judge Cessna was also concerned in another very important case in the oil regions between Thompson, Noble and Delemater, the amount involved being over one hundred thousand dollars. In the west he was employed on a number of cases that attracted widespread attention, including the Keedle case contest in the United States supreme court of private land claims to recover a very valuable tract of land in New Mexico worth several million dollars. This suit was instituted by the heirs of John G. Heath by virtue of a grant of land made to him by the Mexican government in 1821 under the reign of Iturbide and was one of the most important cases in litigation in recent years. Judge Cessna was successful in winning the suit for his clients in the first trial but when it was taken to the higher courts lost. He acted as attorney for C. L. Jones against the railway company in an important case in Illinois—a case to recover triple damages for illegal charges of freight under the railroad law of Illinois. The case resulted in a judgment in favor of the plaintiff's claim, after which appeal was taken to the supreme court of the United States, but the claim was paid before the case was reached for argument. Some forty or fifty similar cases were commenced in the court below and one or two were tried and verdicts given the defendants, while others were settled and compromised upon the payment of costs, Mr. Jones being the only party to recover judgment.

While in Hastings, Judge Cessna also made a specialty of land and equity suits, yet did not exclude general practice save in the branch of criminal law. Since coming to Erie in 1905 he has engaged in general practice and has secured a fine clientage. He is an independent thinker, deriving his information when practical from original sources, and is widely recognized as a hard working, industrious lawyer, always giving every question thorough and careful investigation and going to the root of every controversy or point involved in the litigation in which he is concerned. He is a sound, careful and reliable counselor and has been very successful in his chosen life work. He convinces by his concise statements of law and facts rather than by word painting and so

high is the respect for his legal ability and integrity that his assertions in court are seldom questioned seriously. Judges and clients also respect him for his careful counsel. Whatever he does is for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his profession and no man gives to either a more unqualified allegiance or riper ability.

On the 12th of June, 1872, Judge Cessna was married to Miss Katharine Ursule Brown, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and they have two living sons, W. Brown and Reon B. The former was for a number of years with the Barber Asphalt Paving Company at Detroit and now holds a responsible position with the Monarch Company at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He married Miss Ida Smith, of Nebraska. The younger son, who wedded Miss Mary Edmunds of Hutchinson, Kansas, is also connected with the Monarch Company of Council Bluffs. While Judge Cessna has been a resident of Erie for but a comparatively brief period, he was at least to some extent known in the city ere he located here and since his arrival his personal qualities and his comprehensive knowledge of the law have carried him into important social and professional relations. He stands as a splendid representative of the bar and throughout his practice has been most careful to conform to a high standard of professional ethics. While he gives to his clients the service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, he never forgets that there are certain things due to the court, to his own self respect and, above all, to justice and a righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success permits him to disregard.

F. William Schultz is influentially associated with the commercial life of the city as proprietor of the South Erie Tea Company, his place of business being on the corner of Twenty-fifth and Peach streets. He established the enterprise in 1895, prosperity attending the venture from the outset so that now he owns the block wherein is his trading stand. So honorable and praiseworthy have been his methods of transacting business that he enjoys an extensive patronage and is thereby numbered among the leading and reliable merchants in his commercial department in the city. Close attention to the various details of the business, a firm resolution to succeed reinforced by constant application and the faculty to see opportunities and use them, explain the secret of the steady growth of his enterprise and of the position he occupies in business circles.

Mr. Schultz, as the name implies, is of German extraction, the Schultz family having arrived in this country in 1846. In that year his grandparents, Valentine and Margaretta (Adams) Schultz, repaired to Connecticut and thence, after a few months' residence, or in 1847, settled in Erie. The grandfather possessed considerable means and purchased much property in the neighborhood of Twenty-sixth and Sassafras streets, where he erected his private residence. The old dwelling still stands as one of the city's landmarks. He owned the property constituting the site of St. Vincent's Hospital, on Sassafras street, and sold the entire tract to Rt. Rev. Bishop Young for thirty-five hundred dollars. Originally the plot had been utilized for cemetery purposes but, as the city expanded westward, the cemetery was abandoned and the site chosen as an ideal one for a hospital. This plot of ground which was sold for thirty-five hundred dollars is now valued at one hun-

dred thousand dollars. Mr. Schultz was prominent in business circles, having been a merchant for a number of years and his industry and aggressiveness played an important part in laying the foundation for the city's present prosperity.

Valentine Schultz Jr., the father of F. William, was a native of Germany, who was engaged in the grocery and provision business for over thirty years. His first business location was at the northeast corner of Twenty-sixth and Peach streets. In 1860 his father, Valentine Sr., and his brother, Ferdinand, formed a partnership with him, under the firm title of Schultz Brothers. However, the company was dissolved in 1872, when Valentine Schultz, Jr., purchased the interests of the partners, one year later, or in 1873, removing to the northwest corner of Twenty-sixth and Peach streets, where he had erected a brick building, known as the Schultz block. At the new location he conducted the enterprise until his death, which occurred in 1889. His four sons then managed the business until the death of their mother, in 1895, when the business was disposed of and the father's estate divided.

F. William Schultz, a son of Valentine Jr., was born in Erie, May 27, 1858. He had the advantage of a splendid education, having pursued his studies in the German parochial schools of this place, at St. Vincent's College, at Beatty, Pennsylvania, and at the Erie Academy. His education completed, his first step in the commercial world was in his father's establishment, which was known as Schultz Brothers. Upon the dissolution of the firm he spent one year in the employ of his brother Jacob. Meanwhile having gained a practical knowledge of business life and feeling confident that he could conduct an establishment on his own account, he organized the South Erie Tea Company in 1895. Since that year he has successfully continued the enterprise at the northwest corner of Twenty-fifth and Peach streets, where he owns what was known as the Fred E. Glott block. The building is a two-story brick structure, twenty by one hundred and thirty-five feet, which he keeps well stocked with a fine line of goods, his store being one of the most popular in the city. From the start Mr. Schultz has concentrated his undivided attention upon the business with the result that he has built up an excellent patronage, his volume of trade being of such proportions as to make him one of Erie's leading merchants.

Mr. Schultz wedded Miss Helen Louise Knoll, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Schaaf) Knoll, natives of Erie. Mrs. Schultz passed away April 28, 1907, in her forty-seventh year, leaving her husband and two children: Henrietta, the wife of Charles Gensheimer, of Erie; and Norberd Valentine, a student at the Erie high school. Mr. Schultz is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church and of the Alphonse Society. Although he is one of the most prominent and progressive citizens of South Erie, who is interested in the promotion of all measures designed for the public good, yet he has never held a public office nor does he seek political honors. He rests content with doing what he can for the community in a quiet way, leaving the places of preferment for others. In every sense he is valued citizen, whose industry is felt in the city's business life.

Edward Heuer. Prominent among the younger business men of Erie is Edward Heuer, who during his connection with the city's interests has proven himself one of the leaders in business circles, his labors

being attended by successful accomplishment in the development and management of important commercial and industrial enterprises. He displays much of the spirit of the initiative in forming plans and his intelligent appreciation of opportunities has ever been a salient factor in his success.

A native of Switzerland, Mr. Heuer was born at Brugg, Canton Berne, on the 17th of September, 1863, a son of John and Eliza (Siegenthaler) Heuer, also natives of the same canton. The father was a watchmaker by trade and engaged in business for many years at Brügg, where he was widely recognized as a prominent and valued citizen. He served as postmaster and in other official positions and was acting as postmaster at the time of his death, which occurred in 1875.

In the acquirement of an education Edward Heuer attended the public schools of Brügg until he had completed the high school course by graduation with the class of 1880. He afterward pursued a course in bookkeeping at Biel in preparation for a commercial career and occupied a position as bookkeeper in his native land previous to his emigration to the United States in 1885. In that year he heard and heeded the call of the new world, thinking to enjoy better business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic. Upon arriving in America he established his home in Erie and entered upon his business career here by accepting a clerkship in the confectionery store of John Kalvelage. In 1886 he entered the wholesale grocery and liquor store, owned by H. V. Claus and C. B. Wuenschel, where he continued until September, 1888, when he became bookkeeper for the Eagle brewery, owned by Jackson Koehler. There his ability won recognition and in 1890 he became manager of the brewery and at the same time became proprietor of the Eagle Brewery Bottling Works. Upon the organization of the Erie Brewing Company on the 1st of April, 1899, this organization controlling all the brewing plants in the city, Mr. Heuer became general manager of the extensive enterprise and is still holding this important position, in which connection he devotes his energies to administrative direction and executive control. In addition thereto he is also a director and stockholder in the company, nor has he confined his efforts alone to one line, for he is a man of resourceful business ability, capable of controlling varied interests. In 1901 he became connected with the Depinet Foundry Company and in connection with James D. Hay purchased the business the following year and reorganized it under the name of the Cascade Foundry Company. In 1907 they abandoned the old plant at the corner of Fifteenth and Cascade streets and removed to their new location, having erected an extensive building at the corner of Nineteenth and Plum streets, where they have one of the most modern and complete buildings and thoroughly equipped plants in the city. Here employment is furnished to more than one hundred mechanics and it is worthy of note that during the recent financial panic the plant ran to the full extent all the time, continuing as one of the important factors in the industrial activity of the city. Upon the reorganization of the company Mr. Heuer was made president and thus continues as the chief officer in an enterprise of large value to the city.

In addition to his other interests Mr. Heuer purchased a block of stock in the Colby Piano Company when it was reorganized in 1900 and was chosen a director and vice president of that corporation. He is also a director of the St. Mary's (Pennsylvania) Brewing Company

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and as a stockholder is identified with numerous other enterprises which indicate the wisdom of his investments. He is a man of sound judgment and keen discernment in commercial affairs and his ability has carried him into important business relations.

On the 4th of September, 1888, Mr. Heuer was married to Minnie Coyle, a daughter of Charles D. Coyle, a retired farmer of McKean township, Erie county, now residing at Miles Grove. Unto this marriage has been born a son, Charles E. S., who is now a student in the Chamberlain Military Institute at Randolph, New York, preparing for matriculation in Cornell University.

In fraternal circles Mr. Heuer is very prominent. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies of the city and is a director and secretary of the Elks' Building Association, which has just completed the handsome new home of the Elks, at the corner of Eighth and Peach streets. This is one of the finest buildings of Erie, creditable alike to the city and the organization by which it was erected. Mr. Heuer's fraternal relations also connect him with the Odd Fellows, the Eagles, the Maccabees and the Moose Lodge. He is likewise a member of the Shrine Club, the Country Club and the Maennerchor. He is also a member of the board of trade and chamber of commerce. In no public relation is he found wanting. His interest in the welfare of the city is deep and abiding and is manifest in cooperation and support of many measures for the public good. His life has been one of intense and well directed activity, resulting in the attainment of substantial success.

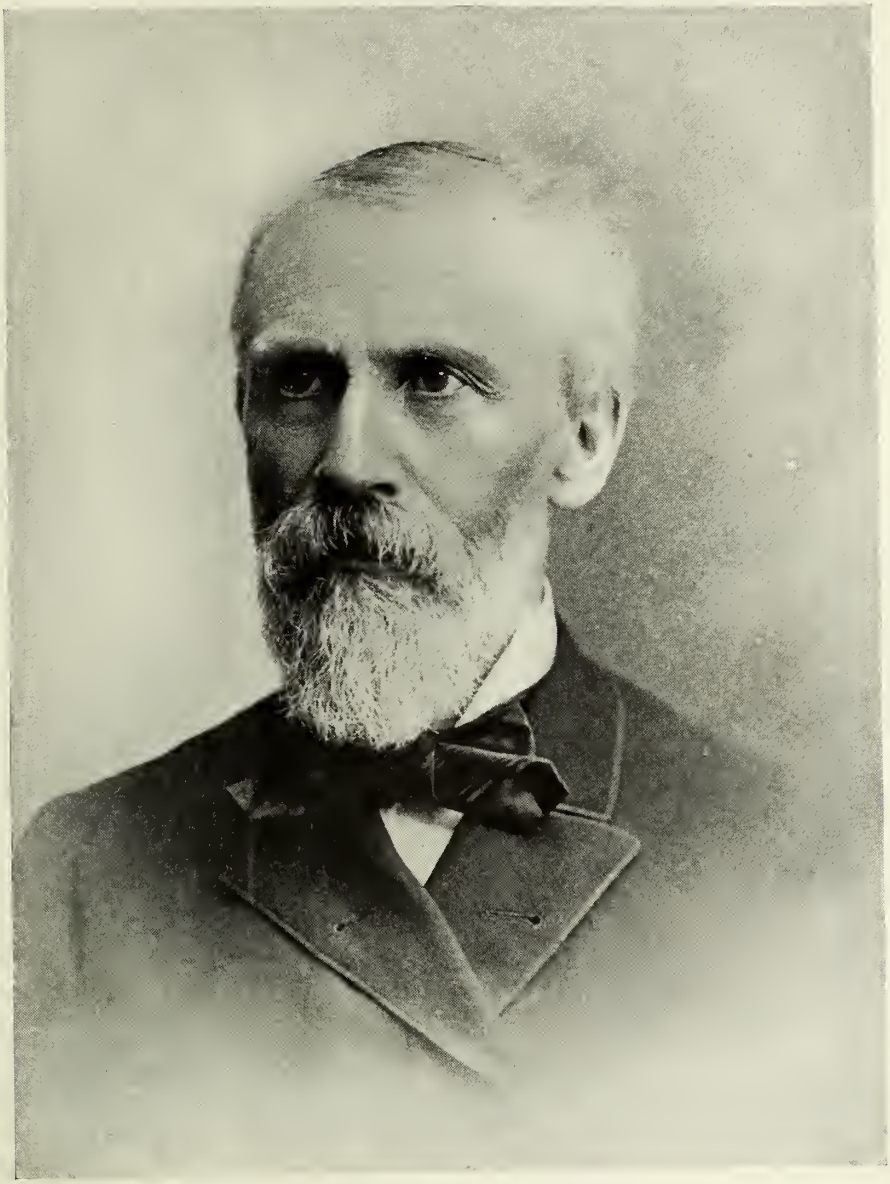
Dr. Adriel G. Ely, a leading physician of Girard, was born in Clarksville, Otsego county, New York, in 1820, and was a son of Sumner and Hannah K. (Gilbert) Ely, the former a native of Lyme, Connecticut, and the latter of Middlefield, Otsego county, New York. Sumner, the father, was educated at Yale College where, at the early age of seventeen years, he graduated in the class of 1804, and in which he has as classmates J. Fenimore Cooper, John C. Calhoun, Ezra Stiles Ely and Royal R. Hinman. He studied medicine and then located at Clarksville where he became a prominent physician. In 1836 he was elected a member of the New York State Medical Society, in 1840 was made its president, and in 1852 its delegate to the American Medical Association. He also was made a brigadier general of the militia. His popularity was such that he was annually elected supervisor of his town for thirteen years, eleven of which were consecutive; was also made a member of the state assembly for one year, and of the state senate for the term of four years, which body was, at that time, a part of the court for the correction of errors, then the highest legal tribunal in the state. At his death, which occurred February 3, 1857, the New York State Medical Society honored him by directing that a biographical address on his life and character be prepared by one of its members, and be read at its next annual meeting in the city of Albany.

Adriel G., the son, received his education at Hamilton College, New York, and was a graduate of Geneva Medical College. He studied medicine with his father and Dr. R. G. Frary, of Hudson, New York, and after acting one year as assistant physician in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, began the practice of his profession in his native county. In 1845 he located in Girard, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he acquired a large practice, and was frequently called in consultation and his ad-

vice sought by other physicians far and near, and he amassed a fortune. He never married and died in Girard, March 27, 1887.

Sumner Stow Ely, Girard, lawyer, a son of the above named Sumner and Hannah K. Ely and a younger brother of Adriel, was born at Clarksville, New York, April 12, 1823. He graduated at Hamilton College, Oneida county, New York, ranking the highest in his class in point of scholarship, and in due course received the degree of A. M. from the college. He studied law in the office of Judge Jabez D. Hammond, of Cherry Valley, New York, attended Fowler's law school, and was admitted to the bar at a general term of the supreme court held at Albany, New York, September 11, 1848. Soon afterward he was taken into partnership by Hon. Thomas B. Mitchell of Canajoharie, New York, (then the most important lawyer in that part of the state) and practiced his profession there until January, 1855, when he removed to the city of New York and formed a law partnership with Winchester Britton, formerly of Troy, New York. The firm of Britton and Ely maintained law offices both in New York and Brooklyn. Mr. Britton resided in the latter city and during their partnership was twice elected district attorney of Kings county. Mr. Ely himself had a large and varied practice, becoming very proficient in those branches of law and practice relating to contracts, conveyancing, wills, trusts and titles to real estate, and very skillful in the preparation of all instruments required in those branches of legal business and in the investigation of titles to land.

When the lands now forming Prospect Park in the city of Brooklyn, were taken by the city for public purposes, he was employed by the commissioners of estimate and assessment to examine the title and ownership claims to each parcel of land taken, and the encumbrances on it. This was a large undertaking, the greatest of the kind that had been given to any one lawyer in either New York or Brooklyn, and which required more than a year, with the aid of a number of subordinates, for its completion. It involved the determination of many difficult and intricate questions, especially as to the ownership of old and abandoned highways running through the land. These had become thoroughfares, not by any legal condemnation, but had developed from Indian trails or footpaths leading from various localities on Long Island to the New York ferry, before Brooklyn became a city, and the claimants to various parts of these abandoned roads, now that the land had become very valuable, were numerous, and were represented by many able attorneys who contested his decisions when against them, as they were in many instances. The accuracy of his work and the correctness of his decisions were attested by the fact that the supreme court confirmed, in every particular, the report of said commissioners, which was based on his report to them; and it has never been disturbed. He continued the practice of law in New York City until 1887, when he retired from the practice of his profession, and located in Girard, Pennsylvania, where he has since resided, now occupying a large part of his time with agricultural pursuits. He never sought or would accept public office, though residing at Canajoharie, his party would have made him a judge if he would have consented to become a candidate. The quiet walks of private life were more congenial to his tastes and retiring disposition, and he kept them in the belief that more solid happiness was there to be found than in any public position. He has remained a bachelor, but nevertheless maintains an establishment at "Elyhurst," the



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name he has given his residence on Main street. His home is one of the finest in Girard, and, though, eighty-six years old, its owner continues very active both mentally and bodily.

Dr. Benjamin C. Ely, the well known Girard physician, son of the above named Sumner and Hannah K. Ely, and a younger brother of Adriel and Sumner S. Ely, was born at Clarksville, New York, December 22, 1825. He also was educated at Hamilton College, New York, studied medicine with his father, and attended medical colleges in the cities of Albany and New York, and at Castleton, Vermont, by which last named institution he was made an M. D., in June, 1850. He practiced his profession for four years at McKean, Erie county, Pennsylvania, and in 1857 located in Girard, where he attained a high rank as a physician; where, also, he established and maintained a first class drug store, and died July 17, 1904. He married Elizabeth Crippen Caryl, of Worcester, Otsego county, New York, by whom he had eight children, seven of whom and his wife survive him, and one of whom (Theodore J.) established and is the head of the widely known "Theo. J. Ely Manufacturing Company," of Girard.

Otto George Hitchcock, secretary of the Hays Manufacturing Company with which he has been identified since boyhood, is a native of Erie, this county, born October 14, 1874. His parents are Andrew J. and Katrina (Wuertz) Hitchcock, natives respectively of the state of Connecticut and of Germany, the former being born in 1850 and the latter in 1845. The parents were married at Titusville, Pennsylvania, where for many years the father was engaged in railroad work. He removed to Erie in 1874 and has been for some time a foreman for the Hays Manufacturing Company. Both are active and faithful members of the Presbyterian church.

Otto G., of this sketch, received his elementary education in the public schools of Erie and completed it under various private tutors. In 1893 he entered the employ of what was then and is now the Hays Manufacturing Company, as an office boy and advanced gradually but surely to his present responsible position as vice president and secretary, to which he was elected when the business was reorganized in 1900, under its present name of the Hays Manufacturing Company. Mr. Hitchcock is widely known in connection with the work of the Chestnut street Presbyterian church, having been organist of the choir for twenty years and long an active member of its board of trustees. He is also deeply interested in the social and reformatory work of the Y. M. C. A., being a director of the local organization. Married, in 1901, to Miss Henrietta Van Cleve, daughter of Rev. R. S. Van Cleve, a distinguished divine of Erie, he has become the father of two children, namely, Frances, aged six and Katrina Hitchcock, three years of age.

The Doll Family. Many of the more thrifty and prosperous pioneer settlers of Pennsylvania were born across the seas, and brought with them to this country those habits of industry, honesty and perseverance that soon placed them on a plane of success far beyond that to be attained in their native land, even by the most rigid economy. Prominent among these hardy pioneers was the Doll Family, whose native

home was in Germany, and which is now represented by two brothers, Dr. John Doll, and Conrad M. Doll, retired business men of Erie.

The senior member of the Doll family in America was Caspar Doll, who was born in Neuengronan, province of Hesse-Nassau, Germany, the home of his ancestors for many generations. He spent the earlier part of his life in the Fatherland, and was there twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Scheidamantel, he had three sons, John, Conrad and Martin. She died January 29, 1814, aged forty-two years. Caspar Doll subsequently married Anna M. Fell, who bore him one son, George Doll. John Doll, his eldest son, emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1832, locating on a farm in McKean township, Erie county. Two years later Conrad Doll, the second son of Caspar, came to Erie county, settling as a shoemaker in the city of Erie.

In 1837 Caspar Doll, following in the footsteps of his two older sons, set sail, with his wife, and his sons Martin and George, for the United States, landing, after a voyage of ten weeks, at Baltimore, Maryland. Hiring there a wagon in which to transport the baggage, he and his family started on foot for Erie county, and at the end of three weeks arrived at their point of destination, footsore and weary, but happy and contented. Locating on a farm in Mill Creek township, he there spent the remainder of his life, dying February 22, 1866, aged ninety-one years, ten months and thirteen days. His widow survived him, passing away February 3, 1891, at the venerable age of ninety-seven years, and ten days. His son John died, in Erie, November 27, 1882, aged eighty years, eleven months and six days. His second son, Conrad Doll, died December 27, 1867, aged sixty-two years, nine months, and five days. Martin Doll, the third son, died December 29, 1900, aged eighty-eight years, seven months, and two days. George Doll, the only son of Caspar Doll by his second marriage, and the only survivor of the family resides in Lima, Indiana.

Martin Doll, third son of Caspar Doll, was born in Hesse-Nassau, Germany, May 27, 1812, and was in his twenty-fifth year when he came with the family to this country. He was educated in the Fatherland, and there learned the shoemaker's trade. On coming to Erie, he began working at his chosen occupation for his brother Conrad, with whom he formed a co-partnership in 1851. Three years later Conrad Doll withdrew from the firm on account of failing health, and Martin succeeded to the entire business, which he managed most successfully until 1883, when he sold his shoe store. He subsequently lived retired from active pursuits until his death, as above mentioned. When he first located in Erie, Mr. Doll leased a plot of ground on Peach street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and there built him a home. In 1845 he purchased the third lot south of Fourteenth street, on the east side of State street, removed his house to his new lot, and there spent his remaining years, in the meantime purchasing the lot adjoining on the north. For these lots he paid $10 per front foot, and his estate, in 1907, sold the ground for $425 per front foot. When he assumed possession of his State street property, it was outside of the city limits, and he was elected, and served a full term, as school director of the Mill Creek township schools.

Among the passengers aboard the vessel in which Martin Doll crossed the ocean was Anna M. Frichkoon, who was born in Hesse-Nassau, March 19, 1813, and to whom his troth was plighted, and the

following year, on July 29, 1838, their marriage was solemnized in Erie. Four children were born of their union, namely: Anna Margaret, born July 21, 1839, married John A. Schabacker, of Erie; John, born May 30, 1841; Conrad Martin, born October 23, 1844; and Elizabeth, born December 3, 1847, is the widow of the late Martin Schabacker, of Erie.

John Doll, the oldest son of Martin Doll, was educated in the public schools of Erie, and began life for himself in 1857 as clerk in a dry goods establishment, in Erie. In 1866 he embarked in the drug business at No. 1512 Peach street, as a partner of his father-in-law, the late Dr. H. L. Wilkins, whose death occured in 1881. Dr. Doll then succeeded to the business, and conducted it skillfully and successfully until 1907, when he sold out, and retired from active business, having accumulated a competency. Dr. Doll is a man of much enterprise, and ability, and since 1897 has been much interested in the projection and construction of interurban street car lines. In that year, in company with the late Hon. P. A. Gibson, he projected and built the line from Erie to Cambridge Springs, with the exception of one mile, the work being done under the name of the Erie Transit Company, of which the doctor was secretary. This line, which was disposed of by Dr. Doll and his associates, is now one of the most successful and important interurban roads in the country. In 1901 Dr. Doll, Mr. Gibson, and F. L. Hoskins, projected the interurban line known as the Erie, Cambridge and Corry Railway, the doctor being made secretary of the company. The grading of this new line has been completed for a distance of twenty-two miles, and when it is entirely completed, as it soon will be, it will be one of the most valuable roads in the state. In 1884 Dr. Doll was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Erie School Board, and was subsequently elected to serve for a term of three years. In 1873 he was made a Mason, and is now a member of the blue lodge, the chapter, commandery, consistory, and the Shrine, being very prominent in that organization.

On September 4, 1866, Dr. John Doll married Margaret C. E. Wilkins, daughter of the late Dr. H. L. Wilkins, of Erie. The Doctor and Mrs. Doll are not affiliated by membership with any religious denomination, but attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

Conrad Martin Doll, the youngest son of the late Martin Doll, obtained a good common school education, and when fourteen years old began working with his father in the State street shoe shop. Becoming familiar with the details of management, he subsequently had sole charge of the business from 1865 until it was closed out, in 1883, when he gave up that line of industry, having never had any particular taste for shoemaking. The following three years he was employed in a coal office, after which he spent two years in railroading and for fifteen years thereafter had charge of a steam hammer in the Jarecki Manufactory. In 1903 he retired from active pursuits, and is now enjoying the reward of his former years of toil.

Mr. Conrad M. Doll married, in 1865, Wilhelmina Diehl, who was born in Germany, January 30, 1842, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Diehl, life-long residents of Germany. Mrs. Doll came to the United States in 1859, to join her brother, Frederick Diehl, who located in Erie in 1851, and is now one of the prominent residents of the city. Mrs. Doll died November 6, 1900, leaving two children, namely: Albert Martin and Henry John. Albert Martin Doll, secretary and treasurer of the Lovell Manufacturing Company, of Erie, married Wilhelmina

Schabacker. Henry John Doll, bookkeeper for the Lovell Manufacturing Company, married Elmina Otto.

A. Matthew Hess, a leading member of the Select Council of Erie and one of the largest manufacturers of cigars in the city, is a native of its second ward and was born on the 12th of July, 1876. He is the fifth child and the third son born to Conrad and Elizabeth (Schellong) Hess, both natives of Germany, where they were married. Soon afterward they emigrated to Erie, accompanied by the bride's mother. The coming of Conrad Hess to that city was accompanied by anything but bright prospects; for sickness had detained the party several weeks in New York City, and he has been obliged to borrow money, so that he was in debt to the extent of eighty-five dollars; his hat had blown from the train at Dunkirk, New York, so that he arrived bare-headed; and, to cap all, all the members of the family were total strangers in Erie. But the father did not sit down to think how forlorn was his outlook; he bought a new hat and was soon at work at his trade as a cigar maker, and in 1870 had saved a little capital with which he established himself in business. The thirty succeeding years of industry and sobriety brought him into a position of independence, and in 1900, when he retired from active business, he visited his old home in the fatherland fully prepared to defend the superior advantages of his adopted country for those who "mind their own business." He is still a resident of Erie, and, in every respect, one of its substantial citizens. The eight children of his family were as follows: John C., now a cigar manufacturer of Erie; Conrad, Jr., also of that city; Matilda, who married Frank Sieder, and Catherine, now Mrs. William Goulett, all of Erie; A. Matthew, of this biography; Anthony J., who resides at Latrobe, Pennsylvania; Emma, Mrs. Ray Zuck, and James A. Hess, also residents of Erie.

A. Matthew Hess was a pupil in the public schools until he reached the age of thirteen years, when he began to learn the cigar maker's trade under his father. He thus continued as an employee until 1900, when he opened a shop of his own, known to the union as factory No. 513. His business, which employs twelve skilled workmen, is now the second in Erie, and places Mr. Hess among the leaders in the trade. His sound qualities as a business man and his fairly-earned popularity with the industrial classes have brought him an influence which was generally recognized in February, 1908, when he was elected to Erie's Select Council. In that year he served as a member of the finance committee, and in 1909 was placed on the committees on streets, gas and public grounds, and printing, health, water and markets and city hall, being chairman of the printing and city hall committees. Mr. Hess is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masons, as well as being identified with the Erie Maennerchor and other local societies.

Albert Perry Howard, who is an able member of the Erie bar with offices at 702 State street, is a native of Erie county, and represents, in his private capacity, a well known pioneer family which was established in Franklin township by his grandfather, Henry Levi Howard. The family was transplanted from Vermont, the paternal great-grandfather having been a native of that state and quite prominent in its military annals. During the War of 1812 he was a member of the Vermont

Regulars, and it was near Plattsburg, at the combined naval and land battle in which the Americans gained such a decisive victory, September 11, 1814, that this patriotic and brave ancestor lost his life in the thick of the infantry engagement. His son, Levi Howard, married Miss Hannah Taylor, and in 1830 the couple settled in Franklin township, Erie county. The husband died in 1890 and his wife in 1887, parents of the following children: Henry; Clara; George T., father of Albert P.; Ann, Albert E., Nora and Rush Howard. The father mentioned was born in Franklin township, and for many years owned and operated the old Howard quarry in that section of the county, besides engaging in farming. He made both of these avocations profitable and died as a successful man who had earned his position through honorable means. He married Miss Ellen Louisa Perry, descended on the paternal side from the old Ohio family by that name, and, maternally, from the Crains, pioneers of Mentor and Painsville, Ohio.

Albert P. Howard was born on the old farm near the Howard stone quarries, on the 18th of August, 1866, and after pursuing various preliminary courses in the district schools became a student in the more advanced school at Miles Grove (now North Girard) and at the State Normal, Edinboro. For the succeeding eight years he farmed in the seasonable months and taught in winter, his ultimate aim to enter the legal profession having been fixed quite early in his youth. In 1893 Mr. Howard located in Erie for the more systematic study of the law, but after a time returned to his farming and teaching, in order to provide himself with the means to realize his final ambition. Mr. Howard resumed his legal studies at Erie in 1895; was admitted to the bar March 1, 1897; and has since earned substantial success as a general practitioner.

Mr. Howard is a lawyer of quick perception, logical mind and forcible diction, and the many years which he has spent in the educational field have taught him the necessity of precision and of basing the conduct of his cases on solid facts skilfully marshalled. The result is that he is never caught unprepared by the opposition, and never conducts his cases in the flurry caused by surprises by the enemy. He is cool, sagacious, methodical and aggressive, having both facts and principles firmly in hand; he has therefore made a decided success of his profession and is, further, highly honored for his straightforward manhood, and his broad and even life. In politics, he is a Republican, while his fraternal and social relations are indicated by membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Press Club. His domestic life is centered in his wife, son and daughter. Mrs. Howard was formerly Miss Lizzie L. Pieper, a native of Franklin township and a daughter of Christopher and Hannah Pieper, and she is the mother of George Carlisle and Nellie Grace Howard.

Dayton L. McDonald, who has been engaged in farming near Platea, Girard township, since 1907, was for a number of years identified with the car repairing shops of the Bessemer Railway at Albion, and both his father and his grandfather were prominent in the saw mill and lumbering industries of Crawford county. He is a native of that county himself, born June 19, 1876, to William B. and Elizabeth (Morris) McDonald. The father was born May 20, 1832, at Jamestown, New York; came with his parents at the age of eleven to Crawford

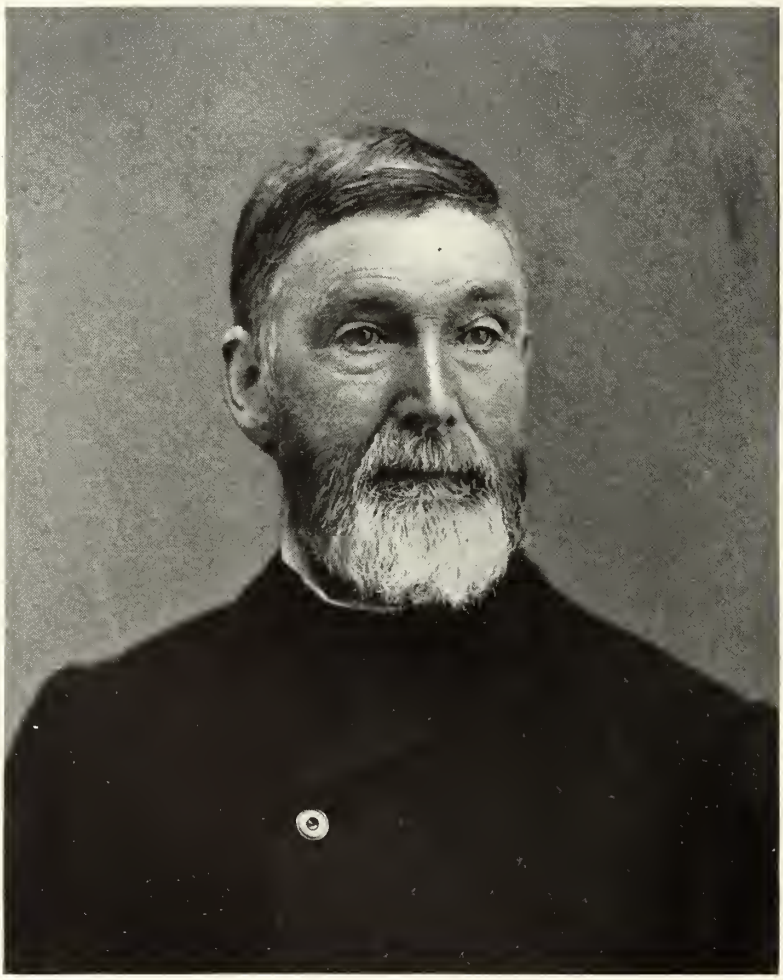
county, and when fourteen was working in the Pennsylvania oil fields; later, was engaged in the lumber camps and rafting lumber down the river to Pittsburg. For many years he was engaged in farming in Crawford county; located at West Springfield, this county, in 1898, but, on account of a severe case of blood poisoning retired to Conneaut, Ohio, where he died in March, 1907. The deceased was an active member of the Methodist church and a Republican. William McDonald, the grandfather already mentioned, was engaged in milling, lumbering or the saw mill business all his life. Mr. and Mrs. William B. McDonald became the parents of three sons: Dayton L., of this sketch; David W., a farmer of Conneaut, Ohio; and Wilson, an oil-well superintendent of Casey, Illinois.

Mr. McDonald, of this sketch, completed his schooling at the age of eighteen, and soon afterward entered the lumber camps of Pennsylvania, but after being thus employed for a year became a saw mill operator at West Springfield. After a year of this work he became connected with the oil fields, and in 1898 with the car-repairing shops of the Bessemer Railroad at Albion. Eventually he reached the foremanship of the air brake department and a car inspectorship, but in 1907 abandoned his fair prospects in the railroad line for the more independent career of a farmer, purchasing his present homestead near Platea, in 1907. Mr. McDonald wields a good and a strong influence in his home community, through his stalwart character and his earnest social, charitable and religious work. He is a faithful member of the Methodist church, being steward of the Platea organization; is president of the Epworth League; has been noble grand of Lodge 1141, I. O. O. F., and a useful and conscientious member of the city council.

In 1899 Mr. McDonald married Miss Grace Lenora Connolly, daughter of John C. and Amanda (Kinney) Connolly, born at Ripley, New York, June 14, 1876. After she left school and until her marriage, she was engaged in teaching at Ripley. While a resident of Platea she has become much interested in the work of the Order of Rebekahs, having served as grand commander of Platea Lodge, No. 330. The family is of Irish origin, Martin Connolly, the grandfather, being a native of that country, who settled in New York at an early day. After being a boatman on North river for many years the father, John C., engaged in farming at Ripley, and continued thus until his death in 1891, at the age of eighty-seven. His wife died in 1882, aged sixty-nine years.

D. M. Connolly, one of the sons, engaged in farming until his father's death and for several years thereafter, until 1898, was a merchant at West Springfield. In that year he moved to Albion, where he also opened a store, but after two years disposed of it and became connected with the Barnes Mercantile Stores, at Albion. In 1874 he married Miss Emma J. Rice, of Ripley, New York, born November 3, 1851.

John F. Bigler, A. B., A. M. During many years the name of John F. Bigler has been inseparably interwoven with the history of the educational interests of Edinboro. In all that tends to the intellectual and moral advancement of the race he takes a deep and abiding interest, and as an educator he stands in the front ranks. He was born in Barkeyville, Venango county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1862, a son of S. S. and Mary A. Bigler, and he was reared in the county of his nativity and received his elementary educational training in its district schools. He later graduated from the Barkeyville Academy, and then taught school



SAMUEL BLAIR

for a few terms, but wishing to more thoroughly identify himself with the principles of the profession which he had chosen as a life work he became a student in the ancient classical course at Grove City College and in four years was graduated from that college with the degree of A. B. He later studied for four terms at Harvard and one term in the Pennsylvania University, doing special work in psychology and sociology.

After returning home from the Grove City College, Mr. Bigler became a teacher in the Barkeyville Academy, and later was its principal for two years. At the close of that period he was made the superintendent of public instruction for Venango county, but after serving six months of his third term in that office he resigned to become the principal of the Edinboro State Normal. He is numbered among the ablest educators who have promoted the interests of this institution, and he is now serving it for his tenth year.

Mr. Bigler married on December 31, 1890, Miss Emma Irene Johnson, and they have three children, Victor L., Helen R., and John Emerson. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

Samuel Blair, for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Erie county, was born in what is now Girard township May 6, 1821, his life's span thus covering eighty-eight years, and during all that time he has resided in Erie county. He is a son of James and Mary (Wallace) Blair, born respectively in York and Chester counties, Pennsylvania, and both crossed the mountains to Pennsylvania when they were young, and they were there married. Coming to Girard township in Erie county in 1803, James Blair secured a piece of land, and in the following year brought his family here. This farm was located about three miles south of Girard, and the initial purchase consisted of one hundred and one acres, heavily covered with timber, but in time he succeeded in clearing and placing it under cultivation, and he lived and died in the little log house which he erected thereon. Both he and his wife now lie buried in the Girard cemetery, he having died in 1855, aged eighty-two years, and she in 1873, at the age of ninety-three. James Blair during his life time was a Whig, active in politics and he served as an assessor and as a township collector. Both he and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church, and he helped to organize the church of that denomination in Girard and was one of its first elders.

Samuel Blair, the youngest born of his eight children, obtained his educational training in the pioneer schools of Girard township, and he continued to live on the old Blair homestead until moving in 1878 to a farm he had purchased, and there he lived until he was eighty years of age, improving his land and erecting its buildings. About eight years ago he bought the beautiful home on Main street in Girard in which he is spending the evening of his long and useful life, retired from the active cares of a business life. He yet owns his old homestead farm. He is a Republican politically, and the local offices are all that he has desired to fill.

Mr. Blair married on the 22d of June, 1865, Miss Harriet Wells, a daughter of Samuel H. and Hannah (Culbertson) Wells. Samuel Wells was born in Connelsville, Pennsylvania, in 1781, on the 15th of March, a son of Benjamin Wells, who took an active part in the suppression of the whiskey insurrection under Washington. He came to

Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1794, and was a store keeper there for many years. Samuel Wells served as an orderly under General Harrison in the war of 1812, and he was one of the old-time school teachers. Mrs. Wells was born January 22, 1800, and died on the 6th of May, 1848. Three children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Blair, all yet living: Frederick W., whose home is in Girard township; Mary Ellen, born May 24, 1873, and living with her father; and James Dana, born June 15, 1878, a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and a successful practicing physician at Franklin, Pennsylvania. Frederick W. Blair was born on the 21st of December, 1869, and by his marriage to Helen Sayre he had five children, Elizabeth F., James Sayre, Caroline L., Frederick Samuel and Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blair are honored and revered wherever known, and are earnest and valued members of the Presbyterian church in Girard, in which Mr. Blair has long served as an elder.

On the maternal side, the Wallaces, Mrs. Blair's mother's brothers, were engaged in conflict at the battle of Brandywine and this entitles Mr. and Mrs. Blair and their children to become members of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. Mrs. Blair's brother, Samuel H., was a soldier in Company A, 83rd Pennsylvania Infantry and served over four years, being killed in battle near the end of the Civil war.

Alden Stancliff is the representative of a family which has left its impress for good upon the history of Erie county from the days of its founding to the present time. Lemuel, Comfort and Samuel Stancliff, great-uncles of Alden, served in the Revolutionary war, and in 1799 located at McKean, this county. John Stancliff, the grandfather, also established his homestead within the borders of Erie county in the early days, and there he lived the balance of the ninety-two years allotted to him. Thomas Stancliff, the father, moved with other members of the family from Connecticut to Erie county, New York, and thence to Sharp's Corners, Erie county, Pennsylvania. They arrived at the latter point February 28, 1835, but finally located four and a half miles west of Waterford. At that time the locality was considered on the very frontier of civilization and the nearest neighbor to the Stancliffs was more than a mile distant. Thomas Stancliff, with his brother Timothy, secured one hundred acres of land near Sharp's Corners and there founded the Stancliff settlement, the road which passed the place being named in his honor. The brothers cleared and improved their land, Thomas dying there at the age of fifty-one years, honored as one of the earliest pioneers of Erie county. He became the father of eight children, of whom two died in infancy, and six reached maturity, viz.: Lavinia, Alden (of this sketch), Ellsworth, Thomas, Lorinda and Joseph.

Alden Stancliff was born in 1823, in Collins, New York, but was educated in the school at Sharp's Corners, his first teacher being David Stancliff, a son of Lemuel mentioned above and one of his paternal uncles. Alden Stancliff has been engaged in agriculture from his early boyhood. His wife (nee Amelia Brooks) was born April 30, 1846, a daughter of Enoch and Hannah (Smith) Brooks, and died August 26, 1901, the mother of the following: Mrs. Emma Van Sise; George, who died at the age of two years and three months; A. J., and Mrs. Minnie Stackhouse.

A. J. Stancliff obtained a public school education, and throughout his business career has been chiefly engaged in the oil business. In May, 1874, he married Miss Jane Williams, and their son Clayton was educated in Cornell University, after graduating from the Titusville High School. Since leaving college he has been a civil engineer connected with a Pittsburg company.

Alvah William Covell. A son of the late Clarence Lewis Covell, for many years one of the leading citizens of Corry, Alvah William Covell is an excellent representative of the native born residents of this city, his birth having occurred, June 14, 1874, in Corry. He comes from honored colonial ancestry, his great-great-grandfather on the paternal side, a Baptist minister, having emigrated from New England, his place of nativity, to New York state, becoming a pioneer farmer and preacher of Onondaga county, where he spent the last years of his life.

Jonathan Covell, the next in line of descent, was the youngest of a family of fourteen stalwart sons, his birth occurring in Marcellus, Onondaga county, New York, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. As a young man he learned the trade of a carpenter, and after his marriage he moved to Chautauqua county, which was at that time a heavily timbered country, with but few settlers. Looking for beech and maple timber, he found what he desired on the ridge lying just east of Chautaqua Lake in what is now Ellery township, and there he bought a large tract of land from the Holland Land Company. In the midst of the dense wilderness, through which deer, bears, antelopes and other animals native to that section of the country roamed at will, he cleared a space in which to erect a log cabin, and began the improvement of a homestead. Several years later, he sold that property, and having purchased a farm in Concord township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, resided there for awhile, and then settled in Westfield, New York, where he lived until his death, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He married Ann Copp, who was born in Marcellus township, a daughter of Esquire Copp. Her father was born in Ireland, and at the age of nineteen years, having accepted a challenge, fought a duel in the city of Dublin. Emigrating then to America, he lived for awhile in Nova Scotia, remaining there until after his marriage. Coming then by one of the steamship lines to New York City, he subsequently sailed up the Hudson river to Albany, and from there he and his young wife walked to Syracuse, Onondaga county, having with them all of their earthly effects. Esquire Copp invested his money in land, buying from the Holland Purchase Company a tract of wild land in Marcellus township. Laboring with characteristic energy and courage, he cleared and improved a fine farm, upon which he spent his remaining days. Well educated for his time, he became prominent and influential in public affairs, and for forty consecutive years served as justice of the peace. His wife survived him, residing during her last years in Westfield, New York.

William W. Covell, grandfather of Alvah W., was born, October 8, 1818, on the home farm, in Marcellus, New York. Serving an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, he subsequently built many of the first frame houses in Chautauqua county. In 1855, accompanied by his father, he started westward in search of a good location, driving through Erie county, Pennsylvania, to Ashtabula county, Ohio, thence

through Trumbull county, Ohio, and back by way of Mercer and Crawford counties, Pennsylvania, to Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a farm, a few acres of which had been cleared, and a log house had been built, these constituting the improvements on the place. Locating on that farm the following year, he continued its improvement, and at the same time worked at his trade, erecting the first building on the present site of Corry, it being a school house built before the time of railroads in this vicinity. After Corry was platted, he built, for Dr. Burroughs, the first frame house of any size in the city, and continued his occupation of farmer and carpenter until late in life, when he retired from active pursuits, afterwards making his home with his son, Clarence L., in Corry, his death occurring at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He married Ellen E. Barber, who was born in Marcellus, Onondaga county, New York, and died in 1893, in Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the home farm. They reared seven children, as follows: Alphonso W., Clarence L., Amorette, Alton G., Francis M., Maude E., and Edith L.

Born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York, May 3, 1849, Clarence Lewis Covell was a boy not yet in his teens when the family removed to Erie county, Pennsylvania, where, in the schools of Corry, he completed his early education. Beginning the study of law in 1871, with C. O. Bowman, he was admitted to the bar in 1873, and in the practice of his profession met with eminent success, practicing not only in the lower courts, but in the superior and federal courts, being one of the foremost lawyers of Corry. He died while yet in the prime of life, his death occurring in Corry, December 20, 1904. He married Sarah Louisa Rathbun. She was born in Eden, Erie county, New York, where her father, Charles S. Rathbun, settled when a young man, removing there from Chemung county, his native place. Mr. Rathbun worked as a carpenter in younger life, and afterwards was for five years superintendent of the Erie county, New York, County Home. Upon resigning from that position, he bought a farm in Eden, New York, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1886. Mr. Rathbun was twice married. He married first Harriet Newell, who was born in Eden, New York, a daughter of Myron and Nancy (Beardsley) Newell. She died in 1851, leaving three children, namely: Flora; Sarah Louisa, now Mrs. Covell; and Charles N. Mr. Rathbun married second, Ann Dean, by whom he had two children: Everett S. and Jessie B. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Covell became the parents of two children, namely: Alvah W., the subject of this sketch, and Flora E., both of whom reside with their widowed mother, in Corry.

After completing his studies in the Corry High School, Alvah W. Covell took the United States Civil Service examination, and at the age of twenty-one years was appointed railway mail clerk, a position which he has since filled ably and acceptably to all concerned. He is a man of sterling integrity and worth, and a prominent member of various fraternal organizations, belonging to the following named societies: to Corry Lodge, No. 365, F. & A. M.; to Columbus Chapter, No. 200, R. A. M.; to Hiram Council, No. 45, R. & S. M.; to Clarence Commandery, No. 51, K. T.; to Zem Zem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and to Corry Lodge, No. 769, B. P. O. E.

Captain W. W. Wilkins. The world-wide saying that poets are born, not made, applies with equal force to mariners; for not all men

who follow the sea are great sailors. Yet greatness is as much an achievement as an inheritance. Capt. W. W. Wilkins has won distinction in nautical realms both through his own special efforts, and as a birthright sailor. His father, Capt. Benjamin Wilkins, and his grandfather, Capt. Thomas Wilkins, were mariners of high rank, and to their descendants imparted some of their love for seafaring pursuits. Capt. W. W. Wilkins was born, September 22, 1859, in Erie City, Pennsylvania, where he acquired his knowledge of books, taking the courses of the grammar and high schools.

Capt. Thomas Wilkins was born in Wales, in March, 1794, and when but eleven years old began his seafaring life, shipping first in a small sloop, and later in a larger vessel. Gaining experience as a sailor and greatly desirous of seeing more of the world, he made a voyage to the West Indies. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment of Infantry, known as the Brunswickers, receiving as a bounty the sum of twelve guineas. Continuing with his regiment during the War of 1812, he was made captain of a schooner plying between Saint Johns and Fredericktown. When, a little later, his regiment was ordered to Quebec, the captain was forced to leave his schooner and march with his comrades to that city. He remained with his regiment six years, during which time he was promoted to the rank of corporal of his company. After his discharge from the army, he settled in Canada, where he bought one hundred acres of land. Migrating to the United States in 1816, he shipped on the schooner "Niagara," later becoming mate of the "Superior," and afterwards sailed on the "Diligence," and "Decatur." Subsequently, after serving for a time as mate on the "General Wayne," he shipped on the "Porcupine," a revenue cutter, that had previously belonged to Commodore Perry's fleet. For six years thereafter, he was master of the schooner "Green Bay," subsequently sailing the "Pontiac," "William Penn," "Prudence," "Columbus," "William Peacock," and the "S. B. Peacock." From 1835 until 1840, Capt. Thomas Wilkins was master of the steamboat "Thomas Jefferson," and the ensuing seven years had command of the "Missouri." About that time, he became financially interested in the "Troy," which he commanded until 1852. For thirty years he sailed the Lakes, and with the time he was engaged in service on the ocean, spent forty-seven years of his long life on the water. He was appointed collector of the port of Erie, July 22, 1861, and served until 1869. The farm which he had previously purchased in Erie county, is now included within the limits of the city of Erie.

Capt. Thomas Wilkins married, May 4, 1821, Anna Henton, who died October 30, 1833, aged thirty years, leaving two children, Benjamin and Jane. The Captain married second, December 5, 1834, Mary Backus, by whom he had two children, George and Anna.

Captain Benjamin Wilkins was born at Gospel Hill, near Erie, October 7, 1821. Finding his greatest pleasure on the water, he engaged in seafaring pursuits from his boyhood, in course of time becoming one of the most successful and popular ship masters on the Great Lakes. Beginning his career with his father, he subsequently entered the employ of General Reed as master of the steamer "Missouri." He next commanded the steamer "Illinois" and "Sandusky," and the first propeller which he commanded as master was the "Ontonego." Associating himself at a later period with the Spencer line, whose headquarters were in

Chicago, he had command of the steamers "Ironside," "Planet," and others of that line. In the winter of 1867 Capt. Benjamin Wilkins superintended the transfer of the machinery and cabin of the "Planet" to the steamer "Northwest." In 1869 he purchased an interest in the steamer "Cuyahoga," which he sailed two seasons. Entering the service of the Anchor line in 1871, he was made pilot of the steamer "Wilson." In 1873 he was made master of that vessel, and held the position until 1877. Being made master, in 1878, of the "India," which was owned by the Superior Transit Company, he retained its command until his death, October 6, 1880. He married Anna Backus, and to them seven children were born, namely: Joseph H., Thomas E., Park C., W. W., Clara L., Jennie M., and Sarah P.

While still a school boy, W. W. Wilkins spent all of his vacations on the water, going on lake trips with his father, thus gaining a practical knowledge of science, art and laws of navigation as well as of the common branches of study. In 1877 he shipped on board the steamer "Wilson," of the Anchor line, his father being in command of the vessel, and in 1878 he shipped on the "Indian" as lookout, and was soon promoted to the berth of wheelman. In 1880, having successfully passed his examination, and received his license as second mate, Mr. Wilkins shipped on the "Arizona." In 1881, he served as mate of the "Wilson," under Captain M. H. Murch, and in 1882 was second mate of the "Annie Young." In 1883 he was mate of the "China," and the following year was mate of the "Idaho," belonging to the Lake Superior Transit Company. In 1886 he entered the employ of the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Transit Company as mate of the steamer "City of Fremont," and at the end of that season left the lakes for a time. In 1889 he resumed his duties with the same company, shipping as mate on the steamer "Samuel F. Hedge," and in 1890 became mate of the "Badger State," but was subsequently transferred to the "William H. Stevens." In 1897 Capt. W. W. Wilkins entered the service of James McBrier as master of the steamer "Nyanza," which he commanded until 1903. The following five years he had command of the steamer "Uganda." Since 1906 Captain Wilkins has commanded the "Luzon," a stanch vessel, in which he has made many successful trips.

Captain Wilkins has been twice married. He married first, August 22, 1891, Hattie, daughter of Schuyler and Miranda (Force) Saulsbury. She died July 29, 1901, leaving two children, Anna L. and Cameron M. The Captain married second, February 6, 1906, Clara Gertrude Banister. Fraternally Captain Wilkins is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

A. A. Wetmore, the well known farmer and dairyman of the township of Wayne, Erie county, was born in that place March 13, 1887. His father, Arthur H. Wetmore, a native of Concord township, this county, was the son of Clifford and Lavinia Wetmore, the former of whom rendered the Union faithful service in the Civil war. Verna (Alden) Wetmore, mother of A. A., died in the year 1890, the mother of two children—Roy, now deceased, and A. A. Wetmore. Some time after her demise, the husband married as his second wife, Edith Schooley, by whom he has had four children—Earl, Mabel, Kenneth and Gladys. Arthur H. has been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company for some years.

A. A. Wetmore of this sketch, was reared and received his education in his native town, upon the completion of which he pursued various callings before finally fixing upon the agricultural specialty, which he now follows. Today he resides on his productive farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres, which is principally given to dairying. He takes deep interest in his vocation and is one of Wayne's most enthusiastic and successful dairymen.

James M. Shadduck. Possessing excellent business and financial ability, James M. Shadduck, a general contractor and builder of Erie City, located at No. 1102 East Twenty-fifth street, has won well deserved success by a thorough mastery of his calling, and gained a noteworthy position among the leaders in industrial circles. Coming from honored pioneer ancestry, his grandfather, Joseph Shadduck, having been one of the original settlers of Erie county, he was born, in 1871, in North East, this county, a son of Henry Shadduck.

Coming to Erie county in 1783, Joseph Shadduck was one of the first men to settle in Greenfield township. Buying from the government four hundred and sixty acres of land, at $1.25 an acre, he began the improvement of a farm from the wilderness. A man of stout heart and unlimited courage, he dared all the dangers and privations of frontier life, in order to pave the way for those who should follow, and to establish a home where his children and their descendants might enjoy the comforts, and even the luxuries of life, without the labor and toil in which his years were spent. He was successful in his operations, accumulating money, and subsequently bought one hundred acres of land in North East. He continued in agricultural labor during his active years, and passed away, in 1849, at a good old age. He came from honored New England ancestry, his father, Joseph Shadduck Sr., who served as a gallant soldier in the Revolutionary war, having been born and bred in Vermont. Joseph Shadduck was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Cass, bore him eighteen children, of whom nine grew to years of maturity, as follows: George; Henry, father of James M.; Esther; Nancy; Hannah; Polly; Ann; Lester; and Hiram. By his last wife he had four children, Ira, Betsey, David and Matilda. Joseph Shadduck was the father of twenty-two children, a truly patriarchal family, and had 306 grandchildren.

Born on a farm in Erie county in 1818, Henry Shadduck was a successful agriculturist, becoming the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred acres, located in that part of North East known as Shadduck's Corners. He was a man of prominence, influential in public affairs, and his death, which occurred in 1905, was deemed a loss to the community. He married first, Lucy Boutwell, who bore him six children, as follows: Sarah; Clinton, deceased; Clarence, deceased; Frank; Emma, deceased; and Joseph. He married second, Lucy Davis, who was born in Erie county in 1838, and is still living here. She is the mother of three children, namely: Rev. Burt Shadduck, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal denomination; James M., the subject of this sketch; and Isabelle.

Receiving his education and training in North East, James M. Shadduck assisted his father in the care of the home farm until eighteen years of age. Beginning the struggle of life for himself, he came, in 1889, to Erie, where he has since been actively employed, since 1905 having been engaged as a contractor and builder. His reputation in this

line of work has become firmly established, and he is well patronized throughout this section of the county.

Mr. Shadduck married, in 1892, Lillian Chapin, who was born in Lowville, this county, March 13, 1871, a daughter of Melville and Civilla Chapin. Mr. and Mrs. Shadduck have had four children, one of whom has passed to the higher life, while three are living, namely: Arthur, Blanche and Hazel.

William H. Sprague, a retired farmer of Albion, Pennsylvania, was born June 5, 1838, in Sheffield, Ohio, and is a son of Heman Sprague, a native of Vermont, who died April 1, 1857, aged fifty-three years. Heman Sprague came to Ohio and settled in Sheffield, where for several years he was a distiller; in 1848 he removed to Erie county, where he owned several farms, and there followed farming the remainder of his life. He was a Whig, and at the organization of the Republican party, espoused their cause. He married Melissa Williams, who died in 1881, at the age of sixty-eight years. Their children were: Mary J., widow of J. Marsh, of Chicago; Addie, wife of H. Brook, of Bowling Green, Ohio; Hattie, wife of J. Pike, of Muskegon, Michigan; William H., and four sons and one daughter, deceased. Heman Sprague was a son of Seth Sprague, a farmer of Vermont, who died when William H. Sprague was a young boy.

William H. Sprague received his education in the public schools, and followed farming until he reached the age of nineteen years, when he went to work on the Erie Canal, becoming a steersman, and worked at that until twenty-five years old. He settled on a farm and conducted same with good success until a few years ago, when he retired from active life.

Mr. Sprague married, December 31, 1859, Eleanor Pike, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Lowe) Pike, born February 14, 1844, in Gallia county, Ohio. Daniel Pike died in 1872, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died in 1857, aged thirty-eight. His father was a sailor on Lake Erie, and was drowned in the lake. Daniel Pike and his wife had children as follows: Alice, who was drowned at Meadville, Pennsylvania; Eleanor; Joseph, living in Michigan; Charles, deceased; Elmira, deceased; Lottie, wife of E. McClintock, of Oil City,; Rachel, deceased; and Laura, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Pike came to Crawford county in 1855 and he removed to Erie county after the death of his wife; for seventeen years he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Sprague. He was an industrious and useful citizen, and worked to the end of his life. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprague became parents of children as follows: Elsie Dora, wife of H. V. Ball, mentioned elsewhere in this work; George Alfred, born in 1865, carpenter at Girard, married Adelpha Ward and has one adopted child; Lewis (deceased) born in 1867, married Alice Conger and had three children, Charles Clifford, Lottie Elinor, and Lewis Walter; Joseph L., born in 1872, employed in the car repair shops at Albion; Ella May, born in 1875, married E. Smith Beckwith, and has two children, Louise May and William Henry; Minnie Belle, born in 1882, wife of Arthur Potter, a merchant of Cleveland, has four children, Lila Belle, Howard A., Erma and Eveline; Eva Pearl, born in 1881, wife of O. McMillen, has two children, Eva Elinor and Blanch Gladys. Mr. Sprague is the proud possessor of one great-grandchild, grandchild of H. V. Ball and his wife, namel Mabel.

E. E. Wheeler

RESIDENCE OF E. E. WHEELER

Edward E. Wheeler, of Waterford, Erie county, who for many years has been a leading figure in the development of the oil and lumber industries of this section of the state, is especially identified with the latter as general manager of the Wheeler Lumber Company. He is a native of LeBoeuf township, this county, born on the 13th of January, 1857, and is a son of Charles M. and Sarah J. (Clark) Wheeler. The family of which he is a representative is of early New Hampshire origin, his grandfather, Stephen Wheeler (of good Scotch descent), being a man of much public influence in the Granite state; besides holding all the local offices, he was honored with such higher preferments as delegate to the constitutional convention and member of the legislature. He died in 1860, and his wife (nee Hannah Syratton) passed away about ten years later. The father, Charles M., was born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, on the 29th of January, 1826; was educated in his native town, and continued to reside there, engaged in farming, until 1852, when he removed to LeBoeuf township, where he has ever since resided. In addition to developing large farming interests in the county, the elder Mr. Wheeler operated a sawmill and a cheese factory for a number of years; had large lumber interests in Forest county, Pennsylvania, and valuable agricultural property in Minnesota. He has been honored with nearly all the township offices and in 1891-3 served as a member of the state legislature.

Mr. Wheeler received a thorough education both in the higher and commercial branches before he entered practical business life. The Waterford Academy, Edinboro State Normal and the Commercial College of Pittsburg, all contributed to his mental equipment, so that he was thoroughly prepared to assume business enterprises with a broad understanding of commercial principles. The natural result has been an advance both rapid and steady. Mr. Wheeler was one of the leaders in the founding and promotion of the oil business in the Bradford fields, and afterward obtained control of large lumber interests in McKean, Warren and Forest counties, Pennsylvania. Some years ago he became general manager of the Baker-Wheeler Company, lumber manufacturers and dealers of Forest county, and has long held the general superintendence of the large and expanding interests of the Wheeler Lumber Company. Besides himself, the members of the firm are Fred C. Wheeler, Dr. A. C. Wheeler and C. L. Baker. Mr. Wheeler's lumber interests have even expanded to West Virginia, and at the present time he is serving as president of the West Virginia Sawmill Association.

On June 29, 1882, Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Imogene L. Davis, daughter of T. S. Davis, of Union City, Pennsylvania, and there have been four children by this union, as follows: Grace Lillian, Mable Florence, Margaretta Marie and Edward Everett. The oldest child and daughter was born October 22, 1883, and married June 30, 1906, to Fred W. Moore, of Union City. Their son, Marshall Edward Moore, was born September 19, 1908. The family resides at Gladys, West Virginia, where Mr. Moore is identified with the Wheeler Lumber Company. Mable Florence, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Wheeler, was born January 27, 1886. Margaretta Marie, who was born February 22, 1888, is at present a student at the National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Maryland. Edward Everett, the youngest, was born in April, 1890, and, with his elder sister, Mable, resides with his parents. Mr. Wheeler is a thirty-two degree Mason. Mr. Wheeler's county seat is called "Wheeler Place."

CALVIN J. HINDS. It has not been the portion of the honored subject of this review to endure the stifling atmosphere of mediocrity, for he has been decisively a man of action, strong in initiative power, fertile in resource, and animated by the spirit which makes for impregnable integrity of purpose. It has been to attain to distinction as one of the able and successful members of the bar of the old Keystone state, and he is now one of the oldest members of his profession in Erie county, being still engaged in active practice and maintaining his home in the beautiful little city of Girard, to whose civic and material advancement he has contributed in generous measure. His life has been one of worthy achievement and his career has had many and varied phases the while he has ever stood as one of the world's noble army of workers, appreciating well that only through labor, whether in the field of mental application or the domain of physical industrialism, can man make progress, which is his distinctive mark alone.

Mr. Hinds has played a large part in the history of his native county and is a scion of one of its honored pioneer families, so that there is no dearth of interesting data from which to draw in offering even so necessarily brief a review of his career as the province of this publication renders possible.

Calvin Jennison Hinds was born on the parental homestead farm in Girard township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th day of December, 1832, and is the son of Perley and Sarah (Lawrence) Hinds. His father was born in Barre, Massachusetts, on the 3d of October, 1803, and was a member of a family of stanch English lineage, that was founded in America in the early colonial epoch of our national history. He was a son of Jesse and Sarah (Stanford) Hinds, the former of whom was born in Barre, Massachusetts, in 1764, and died in 1823, and the latter of whom was born in 1773, and died in 1864. Jesse Hinds was a son of Corlis and Janet (McMaster) Hinds, the former born in Brookfield, Massachusetts, in 1724 and died in 1821, and the latter a native of England and a member of one of the pioneer families of Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

Perley Hinds was reared and educated in Cheshire county, New Hampshire, to which his father moved when he was a small child, and his main vocation throughout his entire active career was that of farming; in connection with which he so applied his energies as to gain a due measure of success, though his enterprising spirit led him to identify himself also with other lines of business. He came with his wife and two children from West Swanzey, New Hampshire to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in the year of 1831, and purchased a farm in Girard township of H. J. Huidekoper which was covered with primitive forest. Here he had for neighbor Captain Rufus Thompson, whose son Denman Thompson has attained to so much of distinction on the American stage, especially in the presentation of his idyllic rural drama, "The Old Homestead," which is held in pleasing memory by all who have witnessed its exploitation by this veteran actor and sterling gentleman. A number of years after locating in Erie county Perley Hinds, in addition to farming, engaged in transporting coal and other freight on the Erie and Pittsburg canal, and later purchased a hotel known as the Martin House in Girard; and in connection with this he was also an interested principal in the firm of "Hinds, Battles, and Wright," engaged in the operation of a line of stages between Girard and Sharon, Pennsylvania. With this

enterprise he was identified from 1858 to 1860; but he always resided on his farm until his death, which occurred in 1868. He was a man of strong individuality, was liberal and public spirited and he so ordered his course as to gain and retain the inviolable confidence of his fellow men.

In his early life as a young man he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Lawrence, who was born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, in February, 1803, and whose death occurred in 1840. She became the mother of five children, all of whom are now deceased except Calvin J. She was a daughter of Edmund Lawrence, and her paternal grandfather was Nathaniel Lawrence, of Winchester, New Hampshire.

After the demise of his first wife Perley Hinds wedded, at Ellington, New York, Mrs. Polly (Kent) Smith, who was born the 16th of September, 1806, and whose death occurred in 1874. Of this union five children were born, and two are now living: Clarissa, who is the widow of William H. Palmer and maintains her home in Girard, and Helen Marian, who is the wife of James A. Cooper, a representative manufacturer and influential citizen of the city of Owosso, Michigan. Perley Hinds originally gave his allegiance to the Whig party, but he became a member of the Republican party at the time of its organization and ever afterwards continued a stanch advocate of its principles and policies. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as were also both his first and second wives.

Calvin J. Hinds, of this review, gained his preliminary educational discipline in the common schools of Erie county, where during all those early years his school mate and special chum was Denman Thompson who was born and lived on the adjoining farm. As a youth our subject rendered his quota of aid in the work and management of the home farm and in transporting freight on the Erie canal.

In the autumn of 1849 he became a student in the Academy then conducted at Kingsville, Ohio. In the spring of 1851 he entered the employment of his brother-in-law, Asa Battles, who was conducting a dry goods store in Girard borough under the name of A. Battles & Company, having Henry Cadwell, of Erie, as a partner. Asa Battles was also postmaster, express agent, and telegraph agent and operator, in connection with the store.

Calvin J. Hinds soon became proficient in these various lines of business. In the fall of 1851, when the Girard Academy opened, he became a student there and continued for two years, at the same time continuing his employment with Asa Battles & Company, and spending his time when not in school, in their store; and in this way, and later by teaching in the public schools, mainly defrayed the expense of his higher educational training. Finally he entered the well ordered Commercial College of Bryant, Lusk & Stratton, in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, where he effectively supplemented his more purely academic education.

Here he still had his old school mate and chum for a companion—"Den" being then playing with a stock company at the old Atheneum theater on Superior street, and boarding at the same place. It may be said that they have been together frequently since that time, and have ever maintained their friendship inviolable, and that both have been reciprocally appreciative of the same.

In 1854 while attending school in Cleveland Mr. Hinds was offered a position as bookkeeper and cashier in an insurance company in Philadelphia, which he accepted and retained for two years. Among the

Erie county young men in Philadelphia during that time was the late justice of the Supreme Court, Samuel Gustine Thompson, who occasionally accompanied our subject on visits to Erie county during his residence in Philadelphia.

In the fall of 1855, while holding this office, having saved a few hundred dollars, Mr. Hinds went to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where the land office was about to open, to invest his money in government lands and purchased about 1,000 acres. This land he held for several years and in the end realized a handsome profit. On this trip to Fort Dodge Mr. Hinds drove a team with carriage from Girard, passing through Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Dubuque, etc., there being no railroad at that time west of the Mississippi. Chicago then appeared to be all swamp. It had plank streets and side walks, and was just commencing to lay the first stone pavement. His frequent visits to Chicago since that time have shown him the mistake he made by not investing there, in or near the city which looked so forbidding to him then. Mr. Hinds returned to Philadelphia, and in the spring of 1856 became general superintendent of the Philipsburg Coal & Lumber Company, in Center county, Pennsylvania, which was largely owned by the gentlemen with whom he had been associated in Philadelphia. He continued in this position for about three years, during which time he became joint owner of a large tract of coal and timber land on the Mushannon creek near Philipsburg, and built a fine residence in that place, which after more than fifty years is still an ornament to that thriving town.

In the spring of 1859 he resigned his position, sold out his holdings, and returned to Girard to pursue the study of law in the law office of the Hon. George H. Cutler who had entered his name as a student at law prior to his going to Philadelphia; and under whose directions he had been pursuing the study of the law during all the intervening years, the delay in completing the study being caused by the necessity of earning a living and getting a start.

In May, 1860, Mr. Hinds was admitted to the bar and entered into a professional partnership with his former preceptor, Mr. Cutler, under the firm name of Cutler & Hinds, which firm continued for more than a quarter of a century. From 1860 to the present time he has been continuously engaged in the general practice of the law in Erie county. He has been a close and appreciative student of the science of jurisprudence, and within this period of nearly half a century he has been identified with much of the important litigation in the courts of this section of the state. His fine private law library has been selected with marked discretion and scrupulous care, and is one of the largest and best in this section of the state.

In 1861 during the administration of President Lincoln, Mr. Hinds received appointment to the office of postmaster of Girard, and incidentally assumed control of the local express and telegraph offices. He held the office of postmaster for four years, and his administration of the same gave universal satisfaction. This office he resigned at the expiration of his commission in favor of Calvin L. Randall who received the appointment.

In addition to his large and representative law business, Mr. Hinds has made large and judicious investments in real estate, and through his able handling of various local properties, he has done much to advance the progress and upbuilding of his home town, to which his loyalty is

of the most insistent type. He was the prime factor in promoting and opening Rice Avenue—a beautiful street eighty feet wide—from Girard to North Girard; and in the purchase by Carl Jones of the beautiful old homestead of Dan Rice; and in the purchase by James Murphy of the elegant "Wurzbach" mansion; two of the largest and most notable residences in Girard.

He was a personal friend, and attorney and counsellor, for over a quarter of a century, of the veteran circus man, Dan Rice, whose name is held in pleasing memory by the older generation throughout the most diverse sections of the Union, and who was one of the most loved and loyal citizens of Girard until a short time before his death.

Mr. Hinds may be said to be a birth right member of the Republican party, of whose principles he has been a stalwart supporter from the time of attaining to his legal majority, and in whose cause he has rendered yeoman service in the campaigns of many years. His first vote was cast for General John C. Freemont, the first presidential candidate of the Republican party.

When his partner, Mr. Cutler, became a candidate for the State Senate, Mr. Hinds assumed the management of his campaign, and he marshalled his forces with consummate skill and ability, showing well his power of leadership in the domain of practical politics; though he, himself, has never been ambitious for the honors or emoluments of political office, and never was a candidate.

Mr. Hinds has never joined any church, or fraternal body. He says he only belongs to one society—the human family—and was born into that. He is a man of strong religious convictions—the religion of being good and doing good—but cares nothing for the dogmas of the churches, and has little, if any, respect for their creeds. He has reflected a great deal upon religious subjects, and is what may be properly called a free-thinker. He believes there is nothing infallible but the truth, and has but little faith in the popular religion of the times based on the assumed infallibility of men, and their writings, however hoary headed with age. He has a broad conception of the goodness and power of the Eternal, and feels sure that the author of our being whether called God or Nature will deal mercifully with poor erring humanity in the future world. He says, while he pins his faith to no man, ancient or modern, he derives some satisfaction in knowing that his conclusions harmonize with those of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and other like men who have done the most to promote human liberty, and the general welfare of mankind.

On the 20th of October, 1856, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hinds to Miss Elvira M. Cutler, who was born on the 29th of December, 1833, a daughter of Hon. George H. Cutler.

Concerning the children of this union the following brief data are entered: Lawrence C., who is superintendent of the Central Power Company at Kremmling, Colorado, married Miss Clara Hay of Girard, Pennsylvania. They have no children. Bertha E., is the wife of Francis J. French, of Collinwood, Ohio. They have three children, Mabel, who is the wife of Ray Cross, of Collinwood, Ohio; Vira, now deceased; and Clara who remains at the parental home. Vira, the third child of Mr. Hinds, is the wife of William H. Wallace, of Cincinnati, Ohio, general southern agent for the Nickel Plate Railroad, and they have two chil-

dren, George Cutler and Bruce Hinds. Mr. Hinds has one great-grandchild—Charlotte Louise—daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cross.

Mrs. Hinds died on the 6th day of February, 1864; and on the 27th of May, 1868, Mr. Hinds was united in marriage to Miss Frank Stewart, a cousin of his deceased wife, who was born in Syracuse, New York, on the 12th of August, 1849, a daughter of Henry and Maria Stewart, who were long residents of the city of Syracuse. The children of the second marriage of Mr. Hinds are: Fannie is the wife of Dr. H. M. Soult, of Philadelphia, and they have one child, Calvin Hinds Soult; Harry S. Hinds, who resides in Vicksburg, Mississippi, is identified with the government department touching the navigation of the Mississippi river and its tributaries. Belle Stewart Hinds is now the wife of Andrew J. Aiken, Naval Inspector of Engineering Material for the United States government. They reside at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and have one child, Lawrence Stewart Aiken; Calvin J. Hinds, Jr., is an attorney at law of Ardmore, Oklahoma; John Donald Hinds resides at Trenton, state of New Jersey. He is a graduate of the School of Industrial Art of Philadelphia, and has been professionally employed by the Trenton Potteries Company for the past four years; and for two years has been one of the faculty of the Trenton Art School. Stewart Cutler Hinds graduated last June at the School of Industrial Art of Philadelphia; and expects soon to locate in Trenton, New Jersey.

It is with a sense of appreciation and gratification that the publishers of this work present even so brief a review of the career of one of the honored and venerable citizens of Erie county and one whose name well merits a place of distinction in the perpetuating here of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon the county to which this history is dedicated. No citizen of Erie county has a more secure place in popular confidence and esteem than Calvin J. Hinds, a veteran and distinguished member of its bar.

Earl T. Bogart. One of the prominent and progressive citizens of Elk Creek township is Earl T. Bogart, who was born on the 22d of March, 1874, a son of Malen Bogart, who was long numbered among the business men and farmers of this community, his death occurring here in 1877, when forty years of age. Before taking up the vocation of a farmer he was a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi river, but abandoning the fascinating life of a steamboat officer he was from that time on a resident of Elk Creek township, one of its substantial and well known farmers and business men. He had married in his early life Rhetta Fuller, who survives her husband and is living in Platea, an honored and revered lady of seventy years.

After the death of his father Earl T. Bogart was reared by an uncle, with whom he remained until he had attained the age of twenty-one, and after the completion of his school days he worked at the carpenter's trade, covering a period of five years. Since then he has been employed in the capacity of a yardman at present time by the Bessemer Railway Company. He married October 31, 1897, Miss Stella Payne, who was born on the 3d of September, 1877, and their union has been without issue. Mr. Bogart is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Platea, Lodge No. 1146, and he is also a member of the B. of R. T. at Albion. A Democrat in his political affiliations, he has served as judge of elections.

Mr. and Mrs. Bogart are young people who are held in high esteem by all who know them. Mrs. Bogart was a student at the Edinboro State Normal in Scientific Department in the year of 1895. She is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen, and is pianist of the order.

ARCHIE ADDISON ARMES. A tried and trusted employe of the United State Government, Archie Addison Armes, of Albion, Erie county, Pennsylvania, has been associated with the Rural Free Delivery service of this vicinity for the past six years, and has performed the duties devolving upon him in this capacity with commendable promptness and fidelity. A son of the late Orris Armes, he was born, March 21, 1883, in Elk Creek township, Erie county. His grandparents, Matteson and Sarah Jane (Wait) Armes, migrated from New York state to Pennsylvania about 1858, settling on a farm near Wellsburg, Pennsylvania, Erie county, where both spent their remaining years, his death occurring August 16, 1873, when sixty-five years old, while her death occurred in 1859, at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years,

Born in New York state, August 18, 1851, Orris Armes was a young boy when the family came to Erie county. He remained at home, assisting his father on the homestead until seventeen years old, when he began working for wages, for four years being employed in the old Sears Creamery, after which he carried on general farming until 1888. Going then to Erie, Pennsylvania, he was there employed in the produce business as a salesman until his death, August 12, 1901. He was a man of sterling integrity and worth, and an esteemed member of Albion Lodge, No. 416, I. O. O. F. He married, in 1875, Lovina Castle, who was born September 21, 1858, in Ashtabula, Ohio, a daughter of Sanford Castle. Her father, a native of New York state, followed his trade of shoemaker in Ashtabula, Ohio, for a number of years, residing there until his death, in 1895, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. Mr. Castle married Hannah Boyd, who was born, in 1815, in Vermont, and died, in Ohio, in 1891. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Orris Armes, namely: Sadie, born in 1877, married E. D. Chapin, a machinist in Erie, and has two children, Isla and Mildred; Arthur, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this volume, was born in 1880, married Miss Iva Boyce, and lives in Albion; and Archie Addison, of this brief biography.

After completing his early education, Archie A. Armes was for four years in the employ of the F. R. Simmons Cold Storage, in the city of Erie. In 1903 he was appointed a mail carrier on one of the Rural Free Delivery routes leading from the Albion Post Office, and is filling the position most satisfactorily.

Mr. Armes married, May 21, 1902, Agnes Abel, who was born in Erie, and they are the parents of four children, namely: Lillian, deceased; Elmer, Ronald, and Dorothy. Fraternally Mr. Armes is a member of Moose Lodge, No. 66, of Erie.

HUGH V. BALL. A natural mechanic, and a man of unquestioned ability and energy, Hugh V. Ball is prominently identified with the industrial interests of Erie county, and as one of the leading blacksmiths of Albion is carrying on a substantial business. A son of George H.

Ball, he was born, May 9, 1869, in Elk Creek township, this county, and there received a practical common school education.

From the time he was seventeen years old until becoming of age, Hugh V. Ball was employed as a farm laborer receiving in return for his labor the munificent sum of six dollars per month. The ensuing five years he worked for the Bessemer Railway Company, after which he was with the Nickel Plate Railroad Company for two years, being then located at Conneaut, Ohio, in the company's machine shops. Returning then to Bessemer, he was again with the Bessemer Railway Company for a year, giving up his position there to go to Conneaut, Ohio, where he spent three years with E. G. Smith, learning from him the trade of a blacksmith. Becoming proficient in his chosen trade, Mr. Ball opened his present smithy in Albion, and as a general blacksmith and a skilful horse-shoer has established an excellent and remunerative patronage, his work coming to him from all parts of the town, and from business men of all classes.

Mr. Ball married, in 1887, Dora A. Sprague, who was born January 3, 1863, in Albion, a daughter of William Henry and Ellen (Pike) Sprague, natives of Sheffield, Ohio, where for many years her father, now living retired from active work in Albion, was an engineer. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ball, namely: Mabel, wife of Luther Story, of Conneaut, Ohio, and has one child, Mabel; Tessie; Floyd; Edward; and Velma. Politically Mr. Ball uniformly casts his vote in favor of the Republican party, but he has never had a desire for public office.

Mr. Ball has three brothers and one sister, as follows: George, engaged in farming in Elk Creek township; Roscoe, a stone mason in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania; Sprinkle, a machinist in Albion; and Martha, wife of R. Taylor, who is in the employ of the Bessemer Railway Company.

Frank E. Hurst. Among the younger generation of Erie county's successful business men is Frank E. Hurst, proprietor of a well-established meat market in Albion, where he has already built up a substantial trade. He is a man of good financial ability, and in his business transactions pays strict regard to veracity and honor. A son of Thomas Hurst, he was born, December 18, 1879, in Cranesville, Erie county, of English ancestry. His great grandfather, Daniel Hurst, born near Manchester, England, was a farmer by occupation.

Samuel Hurst, grandfather of Frank E., was born in England in 1815. Emigrating to America in 1845, he settled in Conneaut township, where he at first worked at his trade of a carpenter. He subsequently bought land near Cranesville, purchasing it in 1859, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits the remainder of his active life. He married, Ann Beaumont, who was born in England, April 1, 1816, a daughter of Thomas and Alice (Goddard) Beaumont. She died on the old homestead, near Cranesville, March 24, 1887.

The only surviving child of the parental household, Thomas Hurst was born, May 22, 1847, in Conneaut township, Erie county. He was early initiated into the various duties and labors that fall upon a farmer's son, his help when out of school being needed by his father. On attaining his majority, he learned the carpenter's trade, after which he spent two years in the oil region. Locating then in Cranesville, he was

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there engaged in business for fourteen years as a manufacturer of sashes, doors, and blinds, subsequently carrying on a substantial business as a general merchant for ten years. Assuming possession then of his present home, near Albion, he has since lived retired from active pursuits, an honored and respected citizen. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and has served ably and acceptably as a member of the local school board, and as township auditor. Fraternally he is a member of the Elk Creek Grange; of Lundy's Lane Lodge, No. 497, K. of P.; of the Knights of the Maccabees; and of State Police, No. 57.

On December 22, 1870, Thomas Hurst married Mary A. Martin. She was born January 27, 1848, a daughter of Franklin and Anna (Morris) Martin, members of the farming community of Elk Creek township. Seven children have been born of their union, namely: Anna May, born in 1871, married M. D. Thrasher, a farmer in Cranesville; Eugene W., born in 1873, is a barber in Albion; Clyde L., born in 1877, resides in Pittsburg; Frank E., the special subject of this sketch; Earl T., born in 1881, salesman in a meat market in Lorain, Ohio; Alice, born in 1884, and Grace L., born in 1888, are telephones operators in Albion.

After his graduation from the high school Frank E. Hurst was for awhile employed as clerk in a grocery store in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, afterward being similarly employed in Albion. When ready to start in business on his own account, he bought his present market, and has since won an excellent and lucrative patronage as a meat dealer, the clean, neat appearance of his establishment, and his upright dealings with all, attracting a good line of customers, and gaining their confidence. Mr. Hurst is yet single, mayhap imagining that he enjoys the freedom from domestic care and tribulations.

Major Isaac B. Brown. A man of public spirit, integrity and worth, Major Isaac B. Brown, of Corry, comes from distinguished ancestry on both sides of the house, and during the Civil war fought in defense of his country. For many years he has been actively identified with the best interests of city, county and state, and holds a position of prominence among the best known and most influential citizens of his community. Well informed on the leading questions of the day, his views being practical and thorough, and his actions independent and energetic, he has been a conspicuous figure in state and national politics, as a public official rendering valuable service to his constituents. A native of Elk county, Pennsylvania, he was born at Rasselas, February 20, 1848, a son of Rasselas Wilcox and Mary Potter Brownell Brown, both of whom were descendants of Thomas Brownell, the emigrant, who settled at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, about 1630.

At the age of sixteen years, relinquishing his studies for a time, Isaac B. Brown enlisted, in 1864, in the Union army as a private, and served until the close of the war in the Third Division, Ninth Corps, which formed a part of the Army of the Potomac. Returning home, he studied a year at the Smethport Academy and three years at Alfred University, from which he was graduated in 1869. Subsequently, while employed as a school teacher in Ridgway, he began the study of law, and in 1876, at Corry, was admitted to practice at the bar of Erie county. Eminently fitted to become a leader among men, Mr. Brown soon entered, at the request of his fellow citizens, upon a public career, in 1880 being elected, on the Republican ticket, to represent Erie county

in the lower house of the state legislature, a position to which he was re-elected in 1882, and again in 1884. During the three terms in which he served as Representative, he easily held a leading position among his co-workers, and won distinction as an earnest laborer and a reliable man. In 1887 he was appointed deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, and in 1891 was reappointed to the same office. In January, 1895, Mr. Brown was appointed by Governor Hastings Secretary of Internal Affairs to fill the unexpired term of Thomas J. Stewart, who was then appointed Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, and the following May was appointed to the same position. In 1897 he was made president of the National Convention of Railway Commissioners at St. Louis, Missouri, and has since taken great interest in everything connected with the transportation service of the United States. In 1902 Mr. Brown was the Republican state nominee for Secretary of Internal Affairs, and was elected by a majority of more than two hundred and four thousand votes over his Democratic opponent, while he received sixty-three thousand more votes than did Samuel W. Pennypacker, the Republican candidate for governor on the same ticket. In 1906 he was again a candidate for the same high position, but having publicly condemned the powers that controlled state legislation and had the management of affairs relating to the erection and furnishing of the new capitol building, he was defeated through the influence of United States Senator Penrose and his followers. From the time of its organization until 1904, he was a member of the State Forestry Reservation Commission, and assisted in the purchase of nearly a million acres of land for forestry reservation.

Two of Major Brown's brothers, the late Hon. J. L. Brown, of Elk county, and Hon. W. W. Brown, of McKean county, now Assistant Attorney General of the United States, served in the Civil war, and all were Representatives in the state legislature. In 1881 and 1883, the former Hon. J. L. Brown and the subject of this sketch were colleagues in the House, while the latter Hon. W. W. Brown represented the Williamsport District in Congress. During the legislative session of 1885 the Major introduced and secured the passage of the bill for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Erie, and during the same session was chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

Since its organization, Major Brown has been an active and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has served on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and many times has been a delegate to the National Encampment. His military career has been long and honorable. For thirteen years he served in the National Guards of Pennsylvania, being second lieutenant and captain in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth regiments, and was brigade judge advocate, with the rank of major, on the staff of General James A. Beaver, commanding officer of the Second Brigade of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. During the memorable riots of 1877, he was commander of a company in the National Guards, and rendered excellent service to the state in that capacity.

By virtue of the services of four of his ancestors, Col. William Pendleton of Westerly, Rhode Island, Capt. William Pendleton of Isleboro, Maine, Capt. Isaac Brown of Stonington, Connecticut, and Isaiah Wilcox of Westerly, Rhode Island, Major Brown is a member of the Pittsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and

was a member of the Battlefield Commission, authorized by Act of Assembly for the erection of a monument in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, to the memory of soldiers of the Revolutionary war. He was likewise a member of the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Erie; and of the Soldiers' Home at Brookville; and was president of the Battlefield Commission of the Third Division, Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac, for the erection of the monument at Fort Mahone, Petersburg, Pennsylvania, commemorating the services of that division of Pennsylvania volunteers in the Civil war. The unveiling of this monument occurred on the 19th of May, 1909, in the presence of Hon. William H. Taft, the governors of several states and a great concourse of people, and the oration was delivered by Major Brown.

Taking much interest in state and national transportation, Major Brown was for ten years chairman of the executive committee of the National Association of Inter-State and State Railway Commissions, and for some time was superintendent of the Bureau of Railways for Pennsylvania. During the time thus employed, he prepared and read many papers relating to "Common Carrier Corporations" among others being the following named: "The Introduction of Electrical Power on Steam Railways," read before the National Convention of Railway Commissioners at Washington, D. C.; "Federal and State Supervision of Transportation Companies," published in the Executive Documents of Pennsylvania; one read before the Denver Convention of Railway Commissioners relating to the agreements between Railways and traffic arrangements under the "Sherman Act"; one relating to "Railways and Prosperity," published in the Pennsylvania Railway Report; and one on "Government Control or Government Ownership," read before the alumni of Alfred University at its commencement in 1907, the institution, which, in June, 1900, conferred upon Major Brown the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Major Brown has filled many positions of trust and responsibility in a manner reflecting credit upon himself, in fulfilling of the duties of his many offices showing discretion, sound sense and good judgment. In addition to the positions above mentioned he has served as president of the Medical Council of Pennsylvania; as secretary of the Pennsylvania Forestry Commission; president of the Wilcox Manufacturing Company; president of his Alumni Association; trustee of the Pennsylvania State College, and of the State Normal School at Edinboro; as chairman of the Committee on Legislation, National Association of Railway Commissioners; as a member of the Board of Pardons of Pennsylvania; and as president of the Board of Property of Pennsylvania. For twenty years, from 1887 until 1907, he edited the "Annual Pennsylvania Report on Railroads."

Through John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden, Major Brown is a Mayflower descendant, his lineage being traced through the Cheesebrough, Dennison, Palmer, Pendleton and Wilcox families. On June 25, 1870, he married Miss Hannah Partington, of Providence, Rhode Island, and to them three children have been born, namely: Lillian, born at Rasselas, April 16, 1871, was graduated from the Harrisburg high school on June 26, 1891, and died, in Harrisburg, September 28, 1891; Sara Mary, born at Corry, November 24, 1881, was graduated from Wellesley College in 1902, and married, October 25, 1905, Harold Arthur Gilbert, of Williamsport; Rasselas Wilcox, born in Harrisburg, December 15, 1887, was graduated from Bordentown Military Institute,

in 1906, as Senior Captain of its Corps of Cadets. The Major, and his wife and children, are members of the Episcopal church. Since the expiration of his last term of public service, in 1907, Major Brown has resided in Corry, where, in addition to the management of his business affairs, he has devoted himself to the practice of his profession, making a specialty of corporation law, in which he is well versed.

William Forbes. The Forbes family of Erie county has long been connected with its agricultural and business development, the old homestead in which its activities centered for so many years being just south of Albion. William Forbes, of this review, was born in that locality on the 5th of October, 1885. His grandparents were Merritt Forbes, who died in 1899, aged eighty years, and Mary (Cornell) Forbes, who passed away in 1887, at the age of fifty-seven. Joel R. Forbes, the father, was born in Conneaut township, this county, in 1858, worked on the homestead near Albion until his marriage, and since then has been engaged there both in lumbering and agricultural pursuits. His living brothers and sisters are as follows: Giles, a farmer of Conneaut township; Viola, who married J. B. Wickwire, and Melinda, who became the wife of R. S. Randall, both agriculturists of that township. In 1882 Joel Forbes married Miss Eunice Pelton, who was born in Conneaut township, August 29, 1860, daughter of Christopher C. Pelton and Matilda (Randall) Pelton. The husband is still living at the age of eighty-seven years, the wife and mother dying in 1893, aged sixty-eight. Besides William, there is one child living—Flossie, who was born January 30, 1889, married Carl Chaffee and is the mother of Merle, Mildred and La Vone. Joel R. Forbes and his wife are members of Elk Creek Grange, No. 997, located in Wellsburg, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Forbes is a member of the State Police, No. 66.

William Forbes, who is unmarried, is one of the most respected business men of Albion. After leaving school he engaged in plumbing for some three years and was then in the service of the Bessemer Railroad for two years, after which he established his present business as a dealer in meats, in Albion.

Charles Ford. Well known for his identification with the Bessemer Railway, Charles Ford, of Albion, is a native of Corry and has always been connected with the development of Erie county. He was born in that place, November 7, 1876, and is a son of Judd and Kate (Brewer) Ford, his father coming from Massachusetts and settling in the oil fields of Pennsylvania as a driller in the early days of the industry. Besides Charles, the children of the Ford family were Jennie, now the wife of Edward Spencer of Westfield, New York; Nellie, Mrs. George King, of that place; William, a carpenter residing there; Ed, a railroad man, also in Westfield; and Bert, a resident of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, in garage work. Mr. Ford's school days were finished when he was fifteen years of age and he continued to engage in farming until he was twenty, when he became a lumberman, getting out timber and working in a mill for some seven years.

In 1901 Mr. Ford located in Albion as a brakeman for the Bessemer Railway and thus continued until 1904, when he was promoted to the position of conductor, which he has since held. He is a member of the Society of Railway Conductors and an earnest Odd Fellow—a

man who has made friends amongst his co-workers, by his genial and cordial life, and who has done his full share in advancing the interests of the brotherhood—and all interests akin to his co-workers.

In 1900 Mr. Ford was united in marriage with Miss Jessie L. Park, born at Panama, New York, July 29, 1881, daughter of Oscar and Jennie (McGower) Park, the former dying in 1899 at the age of fifty-three years and the latter residing at Jamestown, that state. The other children of the Park family were as follows: Daisy, who is now Mrs. George Wilson, of Greenville, Pennsylvania; Inez, wife of E. Stearns, of Panama, New York; Elva and Bernice, at home; Helen, who lives at Brockton, New York; and Myer and L. J., who are residents of Jamestown, New York. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford are as follows: Loy G., born in 1900; Gladys Fern, in 1904; Ena May, in 1906; Helen L., in 1907; and Lyle Whitford, born September 25, 1909.

Emma (McNeil) Miles, widow of the late Samuel R. Miles, one of the best known locomotive engineers of Erie county, is a resident of Albion, with whose educational and religious progress her husband was so long identified. She herself is a native of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, born October 19, 1869, daughter of Isaac and Mary J. (Davis) McNeil. Both her parents are living, residents of Ansonville, Pennsylvania, her father having been a farmer most of his life, and, at the age of sixty-five, still engaged in that calling. His early manhood, until 1866, was spent in the lumber business, and the six following years were passed as proprietor of a hotel at Madera, Pennsylvania. Mr. McNeil is an active Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, aged sixty-three, is the daughter of an old stone mason of Utahville, Pennsylvania. The other members of the McNeil family are as follows: Galitson, a farmer who is operating the old home farm; Grant, who is a merchant of Ramey, Pennsylvania; Ross, engaged as a clerk at Ansonville; Araminta, wife of Charles Lewis, a contractor of Madera; and John, a railroad man stationed at Utahville. The founder of the McNeil family in the United States was the paternal grandfather, Squire McNeil, who was a native of Ireland, came to Erie county and farmed at an early day. He was long a justice of the peace; a stanch Presbyterian and a sturdy pioneer in every relation of life. He died at the age of eighty-four years and his wife passed away when seventy-two.

Mrs. Miles received her education in the public schools of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and on March 15, 1887, was married to Samuel R. Miles. He was also a native of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, born February 13, 1864, son of Robert L. and Elizabeth (Curran) Miles. His father was a contractor, who served as a lieutenant in the Union army for three years, and died in 1906, a life-long member of the Baptist church. The grandfather, Samuel Miles, was a soldier in the war of 1812. After completing a common school education, Samuel R. Miles pursued a business course at a commercial college, and at the age of seventeen entered the railway service and was identified with it for the balance of his life. In 1899 he was promoted to be a locomotive engineer on the Bessemer Railway. After his marriage he moved to Pittsburg and later to Albion, where he died March 28, 1909, after an illness of three years. He bore his trials with the fortitude and cheer-

fulness of a true Christian, being at the last a firm Methodist and a trustee of the Albion church. As long as his health permitted, he was an active Republican, serving on the school board for some three years. He was identified with the Knights of Pythias and for six years was secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of Albion, his lodge passing the following resolutions of respect at the time of his death:

"Resolved, That Division No. 282, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, deplore the death of our brother; that to the bereaved wife and sorrowing relatives we tender our profoundest sympathies; that in this hour of measureless grief, when our hearts swell with emotion, our tears mingle with theirs and our hearts bow in sorrow and sadness under this great bereavement, there comes to us a ray of hope, a gleam of consolation—'Tis God's way; let His, not ours, be done!

"Resolved, That as a token of our respect for our deceased brother, our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge; a copy be forwarded to the bereaved family, and a copy be published in the *Albion News* and the *Greenville Evening Record*."

To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Miles was born one child—Mary Elizabeth, born June 10, 1888. Their beloved daughter is a graduate both of the Albion high school and the Davis Business College, of Erie, and is the stenographer and bookkeeper for the Flower Electric Power and Milling Company of Albion. Besides the widow and daughter, five sisters survive the deceased—Mesdames Fannie Reynolds, Mollie Hughes and Julia Marshall, and Misses Ida and Dosia Miles.

Smith Douglass Sawdey, a leading insurance man of Albion and an active and public spirited citizen generally, was born in Conneaut township, on one of the oldest and finest homesteads in Erie county, on the 14th of June, 1843. He is an adopted son of Captain David Sawdey and comes of a substantial Rhode Island family. His father was a native of Providence; at the age of sixteen moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts; was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, but preferred life on the high seas. Becoming identified with the seamanship of the East India trade, he finally became captain and owner of a vessel, but his ship was captured by the English during their war with France and he himself was thrown into prison. Not long after his release he became a merchant of Paris, New York, and in 1821 disposed of his interests in that place and came to Erie county. Purchasing a large tract of land in Conneaut township, he located on his farm in 1822 and established the family in northwestern Pennsylvania. The "Sawdey farm" of three hundred acres comprised the town site of Lexington, which had been laid out in 1797, and in 1821 was quite a settlement gone somewhat to seed. Several buildings were included in Captain Sawdey's purchase, and in 1823, besides improving his broad acres, he engaged in merchandise at Lexington and received the appointment of postmaster. The Sawdey farm also became a favorite military training ground. The farm as it stands today is one of the finest pieces of country property in northwestern Pennsylvania. It now embraces five hundred acres and, besides being a valuable estate, has an historical interest, as among the buildings included in its improvements are several which were erected by Captain Sawdey three quarters of a century ago. Its

present proprietor and operator is David A. Sawdey, one of the sons of the original owner. Captain Sawdey was a public character, as well as a successful promoter of his own interests. He served as one of the first commissioners of Conneaut township and Erie county and in 1837 was elected a member of the state house of representatives. His death occurred December 5, 1857, and thereby was taken away from earth a successful, kindly, generous and honorable pioneer, whose memory will always be cherished by the later generations of Erie county.

After exhausting the resources of the district schools, Smith D. Sawdey became a pupil at the State Normal, Edinboro, which he attended for three terms, after which he followed the carpenter's trade, in connection with farming, for sixteen years. At this period of his life he conducted a farm adjoining the old homestead. In 1880 Mr. Sawdey engaged in the insurance business at Albion, and has thus continued, representing the following companies at present: Delaware Insurance Company, Philadelphia Underwriters, Michigan Commercial, Georgia Home, Sun of London, England, Providence, Washington, Crawford County Mutual in Western Erie County. He is also president of the Albion Mutual Telephone Company; was an active member of the city council for many years (president five years), and is in every respect a progressive and honored citizen. He is an old Mason, being now chaplain of the Western Star Lodge, No. 304, of Albion, of which he has also been master. Since 1866 he has been an untiring and influential worker in the Methodist church, having served almost continuously as trustee or steward.

On September 28, 1864, Mr. Sawdey married Miss Mindwell Abbey, daughter of Harry and Sally (Jaycox) Abbey, both of whom are deceased. The father was a well known carpenter of the early days, and was born December 14, 1795, in Burlington, New York, and died in 1856, while the mother, Sally Jaycox, was born November 8, 1802. Their marriage occurred on the 15th of November, 1821. Mrs. Sawdey died January 22, 1908, the devoted mother of two sons, a faithful wife and a gentle lady of unaffected piety. She was a devout Methodist, an active member of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, and a steady influence for good in whatever circle she moved. Two sons survive the lamented mother and departed Christian lady. Merton H., who was born in 1866, married Miss Ida M. Maynard and is the father of Harry, Hazel and Raymond. He is engaged in the real estate business at Erie. The younger son, Frank D., was born in 1876; married Miss Nelly Wait; has one child, Roy, and is a resident of Conneaut, Ohio.

Mr. Sawdey is a true Democrat and has always upheld those sterling principles of Democracy, which represent the principles of Jefferson, the "Sage of Monticello." September 1, 1909, Mr. Sawdey wedded Miss Hattie Wiley, a daughter of William and Harriett (Langdon) Wiley. Mrs. Sawdey graduated at the Edinboro State Normal College and taught in Erie county for a number of years. She is a member of the Presbyterian church at Edinboro.

Roy A. MacCartney, a prosperous druggist and pharmacist of Albion, this county, is a native of Blair county, Pennsylvania, born March 6, 1877. He is a son of John C. and Anna M. (Rose) MacCartney, and his father, who died in 1880, was a leading merchant at Altoona, Pennsylvania. The widow who is a resident of Altoona is

also the mother of Benjamin F., and John F., both engaged in the real estate business at Altoona.

At the age of sixteen Roy A. entered the department of pharmacy of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and after completing his course located at Butler, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the drug business for five years. He then sold his stock and business and, after acting as a traveling salesman for two years, opened a drug store at Conneaut Lake. Mr. MacCartney remained thus engaged for two years, when he moved his stock and business to Albion. There he has since prospered in business and established his position in the community as a useful and enterprising citizen. He belongs to the Protective and Benevolent Order of Elks at Erie, No. 67, and votes the Republican ticket, although he has never entered the field of politics, not even locally

Herbert M. DeWolf, a widely known miller and farmer of Albion, Erie county, is a native of Conneaut township, born on the 4th of May, 1861. His family was early established at Plattsburg, New York, whence the paternal grandfather migrated in 1825 to Springfield township, this county, his mode of transportation being by ox-team, the common carriers of those days. He married Miss Eliza Freeman, daughter of Alfred Freeman, a pioneer shoemaker and worthy citizen of Crawford county. The grandfather died in 1881, aged seventy-five years, his widow surviving him until 1906, having reached the remarkable age of ninety-nine. Loren DeWolf, the father, taught school for three years before he located in Conneaut township, and later was employed in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. Notwithstanding the advanced age reached by his father and the phenomenal longevity of his mother, he passed away in September, 1865, when only thirty-two. His wife, who was formerly Miss Mary Jane Graves, daughter of William Graves, died in 1870, aged forty-five.

At the age of seventeen Herbert M., after completing his common school course, and upon leaving school permanently, entered the oil fields at Bradford, Pennsylvania. He was thus engaged for four years; then learned photography at New Castle, that state, and established a gallery at that place. Disposing of his business, Mr. DeWolf became a weigher for the Allegheny Coal Company, and after being employed four years in that capacity entered the employ of J. M. Strong, whose old and well known plant is located north of Springfield. He was thus engaged at that point for some thirteen years, returning to Albion, in 1905, and connecting himself with the Flower Milling Company. Besides being widely known in that line, Mr. DeWolf is owner and operator of a farm west of Albion, which is also his homestead. He is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lake Erie Lodge No. 416, and the Grand Lodge of the State, to which he was elected in 1907. He is also identified with the P. H. C. of E. Springfield, and politically is a Republican, without political aspirations.

In completing the information of a family nature, it may be added that Mr. DeWolf has a sister and two brothers living: Mabel, who is now the wife of L. R. Hotchkiss, a farmer of West Springfield; E. J., a farmer of Conneaut township, and Harley J. DeWolf, a miller of Noblesville, Indiana. Herbert DeWolf married Miss Mary A. Callaghan, who was born December 17, 1864, and is a daughter of James Cal-

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laghan, a retired engineer, now deceased. The two children of this union are Frances, born in 1898, and James L., who died in infancy.

William Burnley. Among those who stand as distinguished types of the world's workers and who have introduced new eras of thought by inventions of great utility is recorded the name of William Burnley, the proprietor of a large establishment at North East for the manufacture of the articles of his invention. He is a native of old England, born at Echelshill, Bradford, December 22, 1845, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Snowden) Burnley and a grandson of Joseph and Mary (Jennings) Burnley.

Coming to the United States, Benjamin and Elizabeth Burnley established their home in the city of Erie in July of 1848, and there he followed his trade of a woolen manufacturer for about three years. Later buying a farm in Greenfield township, Erie county, he spent the remainder of his life there and died in 1896. His wife followed him to the home beyond in the following year. William was the fourth born of their ten children, seven sons and three daughters, and continuing in business with his father until he had reached his twenty-fourth year he then began farming for himself on rented land, continuing as a renter from 1870 until 1887. In the latter year he engaged in the manufacture of electrical materials at Miamisburg, Ohio, but four years later went from there to Painesville, Ohio, where for eleven years he was engaged in business for himself, and in the meantime he secured a number of patents on the articles which he had invented. In 1907 he came to North East, moving his business here, and he is now at the head of a large establishment on Wall street, on the Lake Shore Railroad, where he compounds his inventions. He is also the president of the Burnley Battery and Manufacturing Company, incorporated under the laws of Ohio at Painesville, and of which the treasurer is Clifford N. Graul and the secretary and manager F. B. Hess, with main offices in North East.

Mr. Burnley married January 1, 1869, Annie C. Hitchcock, from the state of New York, a daughter of Myron D. and Sarah (Wright) Hitchcock, of Oswego, that state. Their children are: Elizabeth, who died in 1896, at the age of twenty-six years; Nellie, who died at the age of twenty-five in 1895; Jennie, wife of F. B. Heath, of North East; Nettie B., wife of John Kline, of Miamisburg, Ohio; Myron W., whose home is in Kansas City, Missouri; Grace, the wife of C. M. Graul, the manager of the Painesville Telephone Company at Painesville, Ohio. Mr. Burnley endorses the principles of the Republican party, and he is a member of the order of Masons No. 399, of North East, and of the Knights of Pythias order at Erie, Lodge No. 327.

Mrs. Ada A. Fortune, who was born on her present homestead in Conneaut township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1858, is a daughter of Anson Parson, during many years one of the most prominent residents of the county, and whose death occurred on the 25th of January, 1903. Coming to Erie county in 1840, he followed the carpenter's trade for some time, and also buying twenty-five acres of land he cleared the tract and added thereto until he owned a farm of eighty-five acres. During the Civil war he enlisted with the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company K, at Albion, and during his entire service of four years he was a hospital steward stationed at

the U. S. National Hospital in Baltimore. After his discharge from the army on the 1st of July, 1865, he entered and later graduated from the old medical university at Baltimore, and returning then to the old homestead south of Albion, he engaged in both farming and the practice of medicine, his office being in the north wing of the old home. In 1872 Dr. Parson moved to Springboro and built a residence and a sanitarium near the spring, where patients came to him for treatment from all parts of the country. He was a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, of the Pennsylvania State Homeopathic Medical Society, and also of the fraternal orders of Masons and Workmen and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dr. Parson married first Delora M. Brainard on July 5, 1851. She was a sister of the Hon. Samuel M. Brainard, and a daughter of Samuel and Olive (Nickelson) Brainard, the former a native of the state of New York. Ada was the last born of the doctor's seven children, and she has a sister and brother living, Frances P., the wife of William Jamison, of Pittsburg, and Herbert Parson, a salesman in Springboro. Mrs. Parson died in 1861, and later the doctor wedded Catherine Darlington, who died on the 26th of March, 1888. She was a daughter of William Darlington, M. D., LL. D., of Westchester, Pennsylvania, and a granddaughter of General Lacy of Revolutionary war fame.

Mrs. Ada Fortune attended school until eighteen years of age, and she then taught for three years, one term at the old Bumpus school near her present home. She married on the 28th of May, 1881, Mark Fortune, who was born February 9, 1838, in Lynchburg, Virginia, a son of Darius and Elizabeth (Hartwick) Fortune, the father a planter and timber land operator. The mother was a descendant of Lord Hartwick, a ship captain of Revolutionary war fame. He was also an expert horseman, and was killed on a wild ride by being caught by a grape vine. Mark Fortune during his service as Colonel in the Confederate army was captured by a Mr. Rumsey, who was later his partner in Chicago in a grain business. He lost his estate and one hundred slaves in Virginia through the Civil war, and going to the state of Iowa, he spent one year at Clinton and five years in Ames, buying and shipping grain along the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad. Moving then to Des Moines he was engaged in real estate operations there until 1887, and in 1890 he came to Springboro, Pennsylvania, and organized a company to sell mineral water from the spring owned by his wife's father. He later moved to Washington Court House in Ohio, and was the proprietor of the Arlington House there for five years. Returning then to the old homestead he retired from an active business life and died on the 14th of April, 1907, a member of the Southern Baptist church and a Thirty-second degree Mason of Pittsburg. Four children blessed the marriage union of Mark and Ada Fortune, and Delora Ada, the first born, is at home with her mother. Rudolph Frances, the second born, was named by R. McCullough, the general manager of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company and a personal friend of the family, who exacted a promise from the parents that if a boy he should be called Rudolph and if a girl, Rudolph Frances. She was born February 11, 1884, and after leaving school at the age of eighteen she took up bookkeeping at Washington Court House. She married on September 27, 1904, Walter R. McLean, who was also born in the year of 1884, a son of Warren

and Lucretia (Garlinger) McLean, who were farming people. Walter R. McLean after leaving school was engaged in farming and dairying for a time, and he is now with the Washington Milling Company. There is one son of this union, Richard Harold, born March 2, 1905. Mark Anson, the third child of Mrs. Fortune, was born in 1887, and is now managing the farm for his mother. He was four years in the U. S. navy, on the battleship Maryland in its cruise around the world. Ruth Elizabeth, the fourth and youngest child born to Mrs. Fortune, is also at home with her mother. She was born in 1892. Mrs. Fortune is a member of the Baptist church, and a prominent worker in its Ladies' Aid Society.

George Newton Boyd, a farmer of Elk Creek township, was born March 14, 1864, to Robert and Hannah A. (Clark) Boyd; the former was born May 25, 1835, and died June 23, 1903, and his wife who was born on September 15, 1836, died December 24, 1885. William Boyd, father of Robert, was born August 25, 1808, and died November 23, 1890, while his wife, Catharine Caldwell, was born March 10, 1804, and died April 27, 1887. He was a farmer, and settled at Enon Valley, Pennsylvania, a short time before his death. Robert Boyd was born at Enon Valley, and received an education to fit him for the ministry in the Presbyterian church, following that profession until his death, which occurred in Tipton, Indiana. He had children as follows: William C., of Los Angeles, California; George N.; and Sarah Alice, wife of Dr. Burkhart, of Tipton, Indiana. Robert Boyd had a brother, Joseph, who starved to death in the Andersonville prison at the time of the Civil war.

George N. Boyd attended school until seventeen years of age and then learned the trade of painter, at Carnegie, Pennsylvania, following same two years, and then became brakeman on the Pittsburg, Chartiers, Youghiogheny Railroad, which position he held three years; he spent another three years as fireman, and for fourteen years acted as engineer. In 1877 he settled at Albion, Pennsylvania, and in 1909 purchased the old Gregory farm of sixty-five acres; this farm is known for many miles around, as the "Sunnyside Farm," which he has been conducting successfully since. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He belongs to Western Star, Blue Lodge of Masons, No. 304, of Albion; Oriental Chapter No. 187, of Conneautville; Mount Calvary Commandery No. 67, of Greenville; and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, E. Richardson Division No. 282, at Albion. He is an enterprising, ambitious man, and has the respect of the entire community.

Mr. Boyd married, June 5, 1888, Sadie M., daughter of Amos Eiseman, born at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1866, and died May 30, 1902; they had one daughter, Minnie J., deceased. Mr. Boyd married (second) Miss Agnes K. Irvine, June 10, 1903. She was born February 24, 1881, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and is a daughter of Thomas Irvine, a miner of Scotland, who died in 1890, aged thirty-eight years. His wife, Anna Toward, born February 8, 1854, was a daughter of George Toward, a native of England, and Elizabeth Smith; the former died in 1892, aged eighty-five, and the latter in 1892, aged seventy-three years. They came to the United States and settled in Alleghany county in 1879. Thomas Irvine and his wife followed a year later. Their children were: Elizabeth, wife of John Dill, of Oblong, Illinois, a ma-

chinery manufacturer; Richard; Mary Ann, wife of J. Albright, of Pittsburg; George, deceased; Anna, living with Mrs. Boyd, and Agnes K., who is Mrs. Boyd. Thomas Irvine's widow married (second) William Coltman, now deceased, by whom she had children as follows: Margaret M., born in 1896; Thomas M., born in 1897; and John M., in 1898. Mrs. Boyd is a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Home Missionary Society.

Captain Daniel Elliott, a patriotic and public-spirited citizen of Erie, was born in Canada, in 1864, and is the son of William and Annie Elliott, both natives of Canada, and both now deceased. Their children were: Trasco, Fred, Mollie (now Mrs. Mume), and Daniel. William Elliott was cousin to Thomas Edison, the great electrical inventor; George Elliott, brother of William, served as private in an Ohio Regiment, in the Civil war. The great-grandfather of Daniel Elliott served as a member of General Washington's body-guard, in the Revolution. Thus, though a native of Canada, Captain Elliott is of a family who have served the United States in her times of need.

Captain Elliott received his education in Canada, and there began his career on the lake; in 1883 he removed to Erie, and has since made his home in that city. He has been employed on the lake for thirty years, and for fourteen years has held a certificate as master mariner; he is now (1909) owner and master of the fishing tug "Elma." For the first few years Captain Boyd was on board a sailing vessel, engaged in freight trade, but for the last twenty-five years has followed fishing business exclusively, and has been very successful.

The noble and sterling qualities of heart and mind of Captain Elliott have often been severely tried in his vocation, and he has always shown himself to be a man of bravery and determination. In the fall of 1888, at the close of the fishing season, a belated vessel, with a crew of seven on board, was wrecked on the Canadian side; four of the crew succeeded in reaching shore safely, while the others clung to the wrecked vessel. Captain Elliott, with others, took a yawl on wheels, overland, a distance of several miles, hastily launched it, and rescued the captain and mate, while the cook (a woman) was found frozen in the rigging. In the present time this act of bravery would probably receive a medal from the Carnegie Association, but those taking part in it had no thought other than to be of the quickest possible assistance to their fellows, and did not stop to consider the danger they necessarily passed through themselves. Captain Elliott is a member of the Licensed Tugmen's Association, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1902 Captain Elliott visited his early home, and there met his future wife, Edmire Laramie, also a native of Canada. They were married soon after, but have not been blessed with children. Mrs. Elliott is of French descent, born in 1878, and is an amiable and estimable lady; her maternal grandfather, whose surname was Knapp, served in the war of 1812, thus showing that her family have been of service, also, to the United States.

Robert H. Chinnock, a prominent member of the Erie bar, was born in the First ward of the city on February 22, 1873, the son of Robert H. and Elizabeth M. (Redner) Chinnock. The father was born

in Plymouth, England, in 1845; was liberally educated, and when sixteen years of age first visited the United States in company with his tutor. A few years before the Civil war, he returned to this country and located at Charleston, South Carolina. After the war, at the solicitation of the late General Huydenkooper, he came north and engaged with that gentleman in connection with the Meadville (Pennsylvania) Agricultural Works. In 1871, he settled in Erie as general superintendent of the Stearns Manufacturing Company, later becoming its confidential traveling representative. He resigned that position to engage in the manufacture of stationary pumps, tools, etc., which enterprise he conducted until the panic of 1875, which caused the shutting down of his plant. The elder Mr. Chinnock then founded his present business, that of general blacksmithing. The maternal grandfather is Freeman Redner, a native of Geneva, New York, born in 1819, and now in his old age, spending his last days in Erie with his daughter. In the years of his prime, this venerable gentleman, was one of the striking builders of the country, and he was known from ocean to ocean. As general manager of the Keystone Bridge Works of Pittsburg, he prepared the material for the great Brooklyn bridge, as well as for the famous Eads structure at St. Louis, Missouri. In company with General Huydenkooper and Samuel B. Dick, he also built the Bessemer Railroad, acting as its first general manager. In addition, he erected and owned the Kellogg Bridge Works of Buffalo, New York, and was at one time general manager of the Rogers Locomotive Works of Patterson, New Jersey.

Robert H. Chinnock of this biography, was educated in the public and high schools of Erie. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and while thus engaged, was preparing himself for the legal profession. He registered as a student of law with the Honorable S. M. Brainard, with whom he finished the course, acting in the meantime as that gentleman's stenographer. Being admitted to the bar March 27, 1897, he has since become qualified to practice in the state and United States courts. He has also held the office of United States deputy marshal for the last seven years, promptly and ably discharging the duties of that office in addition to his practice. Mr. Chinnock is an active member of the I. O. O. F., being one of the founders of Fraternal Lodge No. 188. He is also a member of the Moose lodge. Almost since a child he has been an earnest Baptist, and has been identified with the First Church of Erie for many years.

Christoph William Boettiger, one of the leading citizens and business men of South Erie and senior member of the firm of Boettiger and Company, a widely known firm of plumbers and dealers in steam fixtures, was born in the first ward of Erie, February 12, 1874. His parents were William and Martha (Eisenhaut) Boettiger, both natives of Germany who came to the United States when young and were married in Erie county. The father was employed by the well known Frederick Koehler Brewing Company for twenty years and afterward engaged in business on his own account until the time of his death, February 7, 1905. The mother had passed away nearly twenty-one years before on December 27, 1884. Both parents were devoted members of the German Reformed Lutheran church. The children of this union were: Christoph W., of this sketch; George, engaged in the plumbing business on Peach street, South Erie; Lena and Charles, both deceased; John, a resident of South Erie, and an infant unnamed.

Christoph W., of this review, was reared in Erie, obtained his education in its public schools and at the age of fifteen was apprenticed to the plumbers' trade under John Porsch and after completing his term he continued with him, his total service covering eleven years. He was thereafter employed at his trade until 1901 when he opened an establishment of his own at 2310 Peach street in association with his brother, George S. In 1904 he formed a partnership with E. W. Henderson, former city plumbing inspector, under the firm name of Boettiger and Company and in March, 1905, they removed to their present place of business, 2310 Peach street, which property Mr. Boettiger bought at that time. As a boy Mr. Boettiger joined St. Paul's German Lutheran church but after his marriage became identified with St. John's. For the past two years he has served as trustee of that church, his term expiring January 1, 1909, and in addition to this office he also holds the position of treasurer of the church. His fraternal connections are with the I. O. O. F. and St. John's Benefit Society. Mr. Boettiger's wife was formerly Louise Webber, a native of McKean township, Erie county, and their son Frederick was born October 12, 1900.

Jacob C. Steinfurth. The foreman of the Cascade foundry of Erie, Jacob C. Steinfurth, is not only a thorough and faithful master of his trade, as a true German should be, but is also an active member of the city board of education, public-spirited and liberal-minded, as befits a typical German-American. Born in Mecklenburg, Germany, November 26, 1858, he is the son of Fredrick and Sophia (Heine) Steinfurth. The family came to the United States in 1872, locating at once in the Fourth ward of Erie, where the father still resides in his eighty-second year. The mother died in 1903.

Jacob C. Steinfurth went through the schools in the old country and was confirmed before coming to the United States in his fifteenth year. In Erie he attended No. 10 public school and night school, and as a youth drove the milk wagon for the Frontier dairy farm. He next entered the employ of General Walker, taking care of his place for three years, and in 1880, began an apprenticeship at the molder's trade with the Stearns Manufacturing Company. After learning his trade and spending one year at the National foundry, he became a molder at the Griswold Manufacturing Company, where for eighteen years he was continuously employed. In 1901, he took charge of the molding department of the Cascade foundry.

Mr. Steinfurth was elected a member of the school board from the Fourth ward in 1907, which was a merited recognition of the long and deep interest he had manifested in educational affairs of the city. In 1895 he was chosen a trustee of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church and served for six years. In 1905, he was again elected a trustee, and at the same time chosen chairman of the board, a position he holds at present. Mr. Steinfurth is a prominent Odd Fellow, having filled all the chairs in his lodge and served as representative of the Grand lodge. He is also a member of the West Erie German Haru Gari Society and the West Erie Beneficial Society.

In 1883 Mr. Steinfurth was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Schulte, daughter of Frederick Schulte, the old councilman and constable from the Fourth ward. To them have been born three children. Clara the eldest, was born in 1884 and died in 1891; Myrtle was a

teacher in the public schools and married C. W. Coppersmith of Erie, now residing in Collinwood, Ohio, where her husband is a mechanical engineer; Edward, the youngest, graduated from the Erie high school and from the Davis Business College; was for two years with the Susquehanna Coal Company and a like period with the Bury Compressor Company, and then entered the Pennsylvania State College at Gettysburg, where he is taking a course in electrical engineering.

Lewis Bush, who has been among the foremost citizens of Erie for more than thirty-three years, is one of those rare characters who has always possessed the keen foresight to originate enterprises at the proper time and place, and the determination and practical ability to demonstrate their value. It is seldom in the business world that one finds in combination both the originator of a good scheme and the hard-working and successful promoter of its practical details. Mr. Bush is one of the rare exceptions, and he has therefore obtained financial substance and attained a wide name in Pennsylvania and the middle west as a pioneer in various fields of business which are now well cultivated and the sources of employment to thousands of men and women. Such men are far greater public benefactors than they themselves realize.

Mr. Bush, who is now the head of the Penn Carbon Company, is a native of Wachenheim, Germany; was born September 4, 1824, and emigrated to the United States in September, 1847. After residing in Ashland and Philadelphia for some time, in 1865 he purchased a farm of one hundred and forty-two acres in Venango county, Pennsylvania. It happened that he made the purchase at the proper time and place, for the excitement was then high over the "striking of oil" in that part of the state and the well which he sunk on his farm proved a good producer from the first. He also drilled two gas wells to a depth of two thousand feet, and he still owns and develops this original property which was the means of giving him his first decisive start in the United States.

In 1876 Mr. Bush removed to Erie, subsequently engaging in the meat business, and then for years conducted an extensive business as a wholesale and retail packer under the name of the Bush Provision Co. This latter plant had a daily capacity of three hundred hogs and one hundred head of cattle and he manufactured every day twenty-five hundred pounds of sausage. Before establishing his packing house, he had been the pioneer shipper of beef from Chicago to Erie, and later sold the business to his son Aaron F., who was at the time engaged in the fish business, and was the pioneer merchant in this line and was the first to employ a steam vessel in the fishing business, as he was the first to ship fresh and frozen fish from Erie to the eastern markets. Since 1893 Mr. Bush has turned his energy, capital and ability in the direction of the carbon industry, his interests being now actively represented by his son, H. Astor. He first erected six houses for the manufacture of carbon, later adding two, and has altogether placed in operation 17,472 lights, with five foot burners, which when running at full capacity consume two million feet of gas per day of twenty-four hours. It is almost needless to add that the market for this product extends over the civilized world, and that Mr. Bush is therefore a leading figure in a cosmopolitan industry.

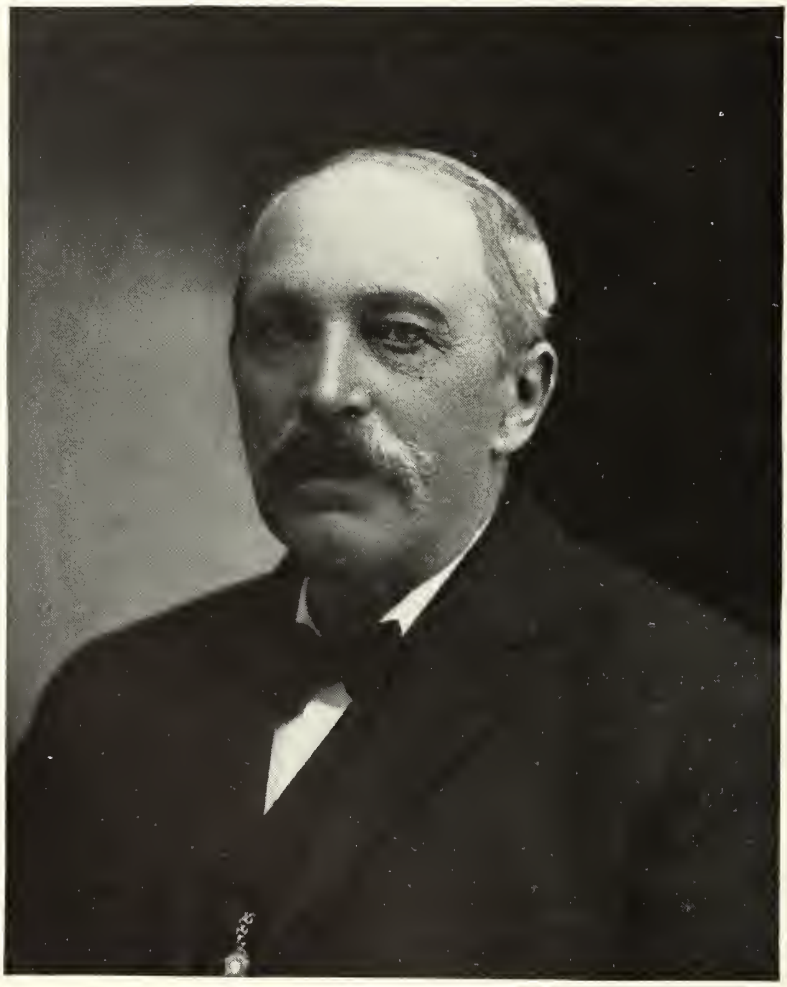
In 1851 Mr. Bush was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Snyder, who was born in Mahantango, Northumberland county, Penn-

sylvania, October 2, 1823, and died at Erie, May 6, 1905. The children of this union were Charles F., Aaron F., H. Astor, Elmer L., Mary, Helene and Katherine, now Mrs. Edward A. Phillips of Buffalo, New York. The father of the family, although in his eighty-sixth year, is in the enjoyment of good health, his daughters Helene and Mary being the light and comfort of his home—even in a more marked degree since the departure from his side of his beloved wife.

Harry S. Childs stands at the head of some of the most important industrial institutions of the city of Erie, but although he has been long and prominently identified with the life and interests of Erie county he is a native son of the Empire state, born in Salamanca, Cattaraugus county, New York, August 28, 1865. The Childs, however, are a Massachusetts family, but David Childs, the grandfather of the Erie merchant, moved from Salem in his native state to Canandaigua, New York, which became the birthplace of his son, Marvin A. During a number of years Marvin A. Childs was engaged in the leather business in that city, but he moved to Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, in 1904, and there he is now living. He married Mary C. Boardman, who was born in western New York, a daughter of John Boardman, and she is also living.

Their son, Harry S. Childs, was reared in Randolph, near Jamestown, receiving in the meantime a public school education, and for a short time he also clerked in a store there. But in 1882 he left there for Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he was a salesman for several years, and from that time until coming to Erie he was engaged along the same line in the oil regions. He was still employed in the capacity of a salesman when he came to Erie, but here he embarked in the tea business with R. M. Johnson, forming what was known as the Great Eastern Tea Bank, their place of business being at 1005 State street, in the Harold building, but Mr. Johnson died within a few months after the organization of the business and he was succeeded by George B. Kimberly, the firm name then becoming Kimberly and Childs. About a year and a half later, however, Mr. Childs sold his interest to his partner and then embarked in the flour and feed business at the corner of Tenth and State streets, but after a short time there he resumed his former vocation of clerking, and for about a year filled a clerkship at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

On the 2d of July, 1898, Mr. Childs formed a partnership with Charles Waxelbaum and David Jones, and under the firm name of Childs, Waxelbaum and Company opened a clothing store at 1206 State street, but about a year and a half later Mr. Jones retired from the business, and the firm name then became Childs and Waxelbaum, while on the 20th of September, 1907, Mr. Childs purchased the interest of his partner, and has since owned and conducted the business alone. His has been truly a successful life, and being a man of forceful individuality he has placed his name at the head of a number of the industries which has helped to make Erie a commercial center. On the 20th of October, 1907, and in company with other leading business men of this city, T. O. Andrews, Samuel Glenn, A. P. Johnson and John Strueber, he formed and incorporated the Erie Baking Company, the largest establishment of its kind in the city, and of which Mr. Andrews is the president and Mr. Childs the treasurer and general manager. The plant is a three story



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brick building, 125x165 feet in dimensions, and the company utilize the entire three floors. They have equipped the plant with the most modern machinery known in the business, and they employ thirty-five people, and in Erie alone run eight wagons, and they also have wagons in Ashtabula, Conneaut, Meadville, Warren and at other points, in fact they ship their product, bread and pastries, over the entire northern part of the state.

Mr. Childs married Carrie Glenn, from Crawford county, this state a daughter of Samuel Glenn. Mr. Childs has fraternal relations with the Elks, the Red Men and the Masonic Order, is a member of the Mannaerchor Society, and in politics supports Republican principles.

Henry M. Keppel. Many of the most enterprising and prosperous citizens of Erie county were born across the sea, prominent among the number being Henry M. Keppel, a thriving business man of Corry. A native of Germany, he was born, November 13, 1837, in Hirschberg, Thuringia, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, Karl Keppel. His grandfather, Jacob Keppel, was a weaver by trade, and spent his entire life of fifty-six years in Germany.

The only child of his parents, Karl Keppel early learned the weaver's trade, and followed it in the fatherland until 1853. Desirous then of taking advantage of the opportunities offered a poor man in the New World, he sailed with his wife and three children for America, embarking at Bremen, and after a long and wearysome journey of forty-seven days landing in New York City, September 9, 1853. Proceeding by rail to Buffalo, he lived there a year, keeping busily employed. Going then to Cattaraugus county, he bought a tract of timbered land near Dayton, New York, and having cleared an opening erected a two-room block house with a small ell. He improved the land, in the course of time putting up substantial frame buildings, and was there successfully engaged in farming until his death, at the age of eighty-six years. He married Henrietta Vogel, a native, also, of Hirschberg, Germany, and she still lives on the home farm, being now ninety-three years of age. Six children were born of their union, namely: Henry M., of this sketch; Mary, wife of John Dankerd, of Towanda, New York; Ernest, a resident of Corry; Charles, of Fair Plains, New York; John, deceased; and Lizzie, wife of Charles Rieter, of Fair Plains. The three younger children were born in this country.

Having completed his early education while living in his native land, Henry M. Keppel came to this country with his parents, and soon after locating in Buffalo began learning the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. Taking then a partner, he ran a smithy for five years in that city, after which he had a shop in Titusville, Pennsylvania, for a time, afterwards being there employed in teaming, and in oil refining. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, Mr. Keppel, in 1867, bought a tract of timber in Columbus township, Warren county, and there took up his residence. While clearing the land, getting it ready to cultivate, he became interested in the manufacture of lumber, and soon had a saw mill in full operation, being very successful in his new industry. In 1893, with J. B. Moore he purchased pine lands in Northern Wisconsin, erecting a large mill, which they operated until 1903; in 1898 they became owners of heavily timbered land in Randolph county, West Virginia, and subsequently, having added to their original tract by purchase of more timber, they put in a double-band sawmill with a capacity of one hundred thousand feet a day, and pro-

ceeded to build up a town and establish a business. They built a spur railway track extending into their land fifteen miles, erected thirty-three dwelling houses, and had granted to the new colony a postoffice, which was called Ellamore. Removing with his family to Corry in 1898, Mr. Keppel has since been identified with the leading industries of the place, during the same year having been elected president of the National Bank of Corry.

Mr. Keppel wedded Miss Martha Miller in 1893 and two children were born to them, Henry Harrison, in school; and Marie, also in school and she is receiving musical instruction. Mr. Keppel is a true-blue Republican and during the year of 1908 he was alternate delegate to the Republican National convention at Chicago. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church at Corry and he is one of the strong factors in the church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Corry and also of the B. P. O. E. of Corry.

Francis J. Walker. The Walker Lithographing and Printing Company, of which Francis J. Walker is founder and president, not only represents one of the great industries of Erie, but one of the leading establishments of the kind in the country. Mr. Walker's mastery of the art and business of printing, which lies at the foundation of his noteworthy success of today, had its beginning thirty-six years ago and his career as proprietor of a plant (modest though the original was) dates back more than a quarter of a century. So that his continuous progress has never been a chance affair, but the legitimate result of honest labor, sound judgment and well-considered enterprise. Born in Erie, October 28, 1859, Mr. Walker is the son of James and Jane (Johnson) Walker, his father emigrating from his native Scotland as a boy and finding early employment on the old revenue cutter "Michigan" (now the "Wolverine"), which, under its new name, is still Uncle Sam's only marine representative on the great lakes. At a considerably later date he became a contractor in Erie; subsequently purchased a farm in Harbor Creek township and, after residing upon it for a number of years, returned to that city, where he met his death by accident in 1895. At one time he was interested with his son, T. W. Walker, in the Erie Paper Company.

In 1873, when he left his public-school studies, at the age of fourteen years, Francis J. Walker became an apprentice at the printer's trade, and in 1883 opened a small job office on Park row. Four years later he purchased the property at the northwest corner of State and Fourth streets, running back on the latter thoroughfare for half a block, and, with the sale of this property, erected a brick building on land adjoining with a Fourth street entrance. This was the location of his printing office for the two succeeding years, when he purchased the E. Walker Tool Works property, still further to the west, increased his building area, and in 1892 added a lithograph department to his business. This was the pioneer venture of the kind in this part of Pennsylvania, and has been so successful from the first that it has become the leading feature of the great industry. The entire plant now covers about half of a city block, and since 1906 has also been engaged in the manufacture of printing inks. In the prosecution of the entire business about two hundred skilled workmen and artisans are employed, some of the latter standing especially high in the profession and commanding

salaries of from one hundred to one hundred and forty-five dollars per week. Not only does the company turn out the finest designs in bonds, checks, tablets and stationery heads, but artistic posters of every description; so that not only skilled engravers and workmen are required, but real artists. In 1905 the Walker Lithographing and Printing Company was absorbed by the lithograph syndicate, in which Mr. Walker is the managing director of the Erie establishment. In February, 1908, the Courier lithographing plant of Buffalo, New York, was absorbed by the Erie company, new buildings being erected by the latter to accommodate the additional machinery thus acquired. Mr. Walker is also secretary and treasurer of the Walker Grape Products Company, a sketch of which enterprise is elsewhere given in this biography.

Mr. Walker married Miss May L. Walker, daughter of C. C. and Elizabeth (Cummings) Walker, and, although the family name is the same, no direct genealogical connection has been traced. Her father was born at Harbor Creek, Erie county, in 1822, and was a son of Samuel and Sarah (Case) Walker, natives of New York who located in Harbor Creek township two years before the birth of C. C. Walker. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Walker were as follows: William H., now president of the Grape Products Company; Francis J., Jr., vice president of that corporation; and Florence Pauline, born in Erie, December 26, 1890, and a graduate of the city high school who is now attending a young ladies' school (Miss Mason's "Castle") at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, New York. It should be added that the elder Mr. Walker is an active member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and a Mason of the thirty-second degree.

William H. Walker is a native of Erie, born on the 14th of September, 1882; graduated from the city high school in 1902, after being president of his class for four years, and completed his collegiate course at the University of Pennsylvania, in 1904. While a University student he made a particularly brilliant record as a debater, winning the Frazier prize from one hundred contestants and being an active member of the university debating committee and of the team which met the select orators of Columbia University in the intercollegiate contest. He served as the president of the Wharton School Association and in the freshman year of his course won the highest prize for class standing. From 1906 to 1909 Mr. Walker was secretary and treasurer of the Walker Lithographing and Printing Company, resigning to become president of the Grape Products Company.

This enterprise, which is developing into one of the most important in this part of the state, had for its inception the purchase of the McCarter farm by F. J. Walker, Sr., in 1905. On this fine piece of property, located seven miles east of the city, were sixty acres of grapes, which suggested to Mr. Walker their utilization in the form of pure manufactured products and placing on the market a soft, healthful temperance drink, to meet the sentiment and demand of a growing element. He therefore organized the Walker Grape Products Company, with an authorized capital of five hundred thousand dollars, and his sons and himself in the offices already given. The plant is located on a ten-acre site opposite the depot of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, just south of the Nickel Plate. The grounds front twelve hundred feet on the tracks of the roads mentioned, and the main building of reinforced concrete is 500 feet by 106 feet. In the basement and sub-

cellars are the storage vaults, the structure above is three stories in height and an ornamental stack one hundred feet high rises above the power house. When under full headway the company not only manufacture grape juices, syrups and jellies but like products from berries, apples and other tree fruits; and several carbonated beverages will be turned out as special summer drinks—all under the Pure Foods and Drugs act and according to the most modern antiseptic methods. The entire cost of the plant is estimated at some $300,000, exclusive of the site, and the company has already expended a large part of an additional $50,000 for sanitary appliances. The storage vaults have a capacity of two million gallons, and the statistician of the company figures that when the plant is in complete operation it will receive one ton of grapes every ninety seconds during the five or six weeks of the grape harvest.

Francis J. Walker, Jr., vice president of this enterprise which means so much to the standing of Erie along the line of special industries, is a native of the city, born February 13, 1887, and is a graduate of the Erie high school (class of '06) and the University of Pennsylvania.

Arthur W. Armes, of Albion, proprietor of the only complete liveries in Albion, Pennsylvania, was born in Elk Creek township on the old family homestead founded by his grandfather in 1858. He engaged in farming until 1907, when he engaged in his present line of business. Mr. Armes is one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Albion, and is a credit to the old and honored pioneer family whose record appears in connection with the sketch of Archie A., a brother.

Charles C. Bender has been a resident of Erie county from the time of his nativity and is a member of one of its sterling families and is a popular young business man of the city of Girard. Mr. Bender was born on the homestead farm of his father, in Girard township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of February, 1885, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Know) Bender, who still reside in that township, where the father is a successful agriculturist and stock-grower and a citizen of prominence and influence in his community. He is a Republican in politics and has held various local offices of trust. Concerning their children the following brief record is entered: Louise is the wife of Edward Biegert, a successful farmer of West Springfield township; Lena is the wife of Fred Cowley, and they reside in the city of Erie, this county; Charles C. was the next in order of birth; Walter remains at the parental home; Frank is a carpenter by trade and resides in Girard; and Adolph, Clara and Nellie remain with their parents at the pleasant farm home.

Charles C. Bender is indebted to the public schools of his native township for his early educational training, and after leaving school he continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm for two years. During the ensuing two years he was employed in the service of the Nickel Plate Railroad, after which he held for some time the position of engineer in a factory in Girard. In 1907 he was engaged by Mrs. E. Lommer as manager of the large and finely equipped pool and billiard rooms and bowling alley of which he now has charge, and under his regime the place has attained marked popularity and success, as every attention is given to the demands of patrons and to offering the best of service, with the constant maintenance of good order. Mr.

Bender has a wide acquaintanceship in his native county and is well entitled to the esteem in which he is held as one of the enterprising young business men of the city of Girard.

William L. Scott. There are some characters in the world whose very atmosphere stamps them as destined to perform great deeds, whether of material achievement or of sturdy virtue. No one who has ever had the felicity to come in association with the last William L. Scott, of Erie, could fail to see plainly stamped upon his intense personality the highest traits of ability and nobility. The firm chin, the splendid contour of his forehead, the determined furrows between the eyes, and, above all, the eyes themselves, with their serious penetrating and yet reassuring expression, were all marked indexes of a man who seemed pushed along by almost preternatural forces to vast performances. Mr. Scott has been conceded to be, on the whole, the most distinguished citizen whose fame was achieved in Erie, and in the minds and hearts of the mass of its people the title "honorable" would have been enthusiastically attached to his name had he never seen Washington or the halls of Congress. At the height of his railroad career, not long before his death, he controlled more miles of railway than any other man in the field; he enjoyed the distinction of being one of the pioneers of rapid transit in New York City; was at the head of the largest coal company in the world; yet was an unwilling leader of the Democracy, the oldest popular party in the country's history, and was idolized by thousands of people who owed to his unostentatious assistance their relief from trouble, their advancement and their happiness. In these almost silent manifestations of his kindly and helpful spirit, William L. Scott was far greater than the works which have given him worldly fame; and, in reviewing his bewildering activities, when it is remembered that he was a man of almost delicate physique, the wonder over his achievements increases to a degree which borders on awe.

Mr. Scott was a southerner, his brithplace being Washington and the day, July 2, 1828. He is of ancient Scotch-Welsh lineage and, as blood undoubtedly tells, it is not difficult to account for the patience and pertinacity which he displayed in the midst of the most brilliant of his campaigns. Rev. James Scott, his great-grandfather, graduated from Aberdeen University, of Scotland, was ordained in the Church of England and licensed to preach in Virginia by the bishop of London in 1735. The grandfather, Gustavus Scott, was also educated at Aberdeen; completed his law studies in London in 1771, and upon his return to the colonies resided and practiced either in Annapolis or Baltimore. He was also a member of the Continental Congress, held many other offices of distinction in Maryland, and in 1794 was appointed by President Washington a member of the board of commissioners who laid out the city of Washington. After performing his share of the assigned duties, Mr. Scott built the noted Kalorama residence on the site of the future national capital and occupied it until his death. Major Robert L. Scott, his son, became the father of William L. The former, who was a graduate of West Point, served with distinction in the War of 1812, and died when the latter was quite young, leaving six children. Of these Robert Wainright Scott entered the United States navy, served through the Civil war, was promoted to be a commander and is deceased. Miss Ann Eliza Scott, long a resident of Erie, is also deceased.

After receiving a common school education in Washington, William L. Scott was appointed a page in Congress when he was about thirteen years of age. In that capacity he attracted the attention of General Reed, representative from the Erie district, who, in 1844, induced the youth to locate in his home city. The boy was then in his seventeenth year and his mature friend was at the height of his commercial career, having at his command a fleet of lake craft and an army of clerks and agents. It was in one of General Reed's numerous warehouses that young Scott found employment, thus obtaining his first lessons from the man who was then one of the masters of the lake commerce. Such an example was contagious in the propagation of independence and ambition, and in 1850 Mr. Scott showed that he had become a victim by associating himself with Hon. Morrow B. Lowry and making his first venture in the coal and shipping business. A year afterward he formed a partnership with John Hearn, and upon the death of the latter the business was resumed under the style of W. L. Scott and Company. This was the commencement of Mr. Scott's kingship in the great coal fields of the country. His company eventually controlled mines of vast production in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri; its operations covered upward of seventy thousand acres of coal lands and employed more than twelve thousand people, altogether representing the largest business of the kind in the world. With John F. Tracy, his brother-in-law, he became identified with the building of the first elevated railroad in New York City, and in 1884 he was also one of the constructors of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad, which was the pioneer line to enter the peninsula of Virginia. He was one of the early directors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and in 1861-4 built that portion of the Erie & Pittsburg line which extends from Girard to New Castle and thence to its connection with the Fort Wayne Railroad. He was president of the former system until his death and during the Civil war located and constructed the Pittsburg docks in Erie. In 1862, with John F. Tracy as his associate, he built the first railroad to the Missouri river by extending the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific from Grinnell, Iowa; aided in developing the Canadian Southern and Canadian Pacific railroads, and was a director in the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and Michigan Central railroads. At his death Mr. Scott has become president and director of twenty-two thousand miles of railroad and was the Railroad King, as well as the Coal King of the United States. As to the details of his interests in the coal business, they are so numerous and involved as to be both ponderous and unenlightening. The local evidences of his ceaseless activities and his abiding love for Erie as his home city are many, imposing and beautiful. In 1872 he erected the Scott block, on the northwest corner of State and Tenth streets; his own home was elegant and commodious, and the residence which he designed and built for his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Strong, was one of the most graceful and magnificent in that section of the country. But the most striking evidence of his taste and of his affection for Erie is found in his artistic development of his estate of two thousand acres, the nucleus of whose beauties is Massassauga Point. The result of this munificent improvement of his private property has been permanently beneficial to the city and those who seek rest and recreation on and

around the beautiful bay which is now so richly adorned by Massassauga Point.

Aside from the mayoralty of Erie, Mr. Scott held no political office until his election to Congress in 1884. He had served as mayor in 1866 and 1871; was a delegate to the Democratic conventions of 1868, 1876, 1880 and 1888; was a state representative on the national committee from 1876 to 1884, and had been nominated for Congress in 1866 and 1876, but took no part in the campaigns and was not elected. In 1884, however, in the face of his inactivity his friends so rallied to his support as to send him to Washington and to keep him there for four years. Once in Congress, his strong influence was so manifest both with the president and the speaker of the house that it is doubtful if any member of the cabinet stood higher in the public eye. The Chinese exclusion and the oleomargarine bills, which became laws, were fathered by him; he took a leading part in the preparation and defense of the Mills revenue bill; his speech upon the silver question is still pointed to as a remarkable prophetic utterance borne out by events which have since transpired; and the official appointments made upon his recommendation were high testimonials to his good judgment, as well as to the loyalty of his friendships.

Mr. Scott's domestic relations were harmonious and affectionate. Soon after his arrival in Erie, as a youth, he met Miss Mary M. Tracy, daughter of John A. Tracy and granddaughter of Daniel Dobbins, the latter an early lake navigator and one of the commanders of Perry's fleet, and the former one of Erie's leading citizens. The result of this friendship and final love was the marriage of September 19, 1853. The children of this happy union were Mary Tracy, now the wife of Richard H. Townsend, Jr., of Philadelphia, and two children have been born of this union, Matilda Scott Townsend and Annie Scott Townsend, deceased; Annie Wainwright, married C. H. Strong, of Erie, and became the mother of Matilda Thora Wainwright Strong who is the wife of Reginald Ronalds, of New York, and they have one daughter, Thora Scott Ronalds. William L. Scott, the tender father and the great man of affairs passed away September 19, 1891, at Newport, Rhode Island, whither he had gone to recuperate those energies which had been too severely taxed by the many and great burdens of his life. His remains were brought to his "dear Erie," as he fondly called it and not only did thousands of its citizens, both distinguished and humble, pay the honor of their deep respect and tears, but the president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, who was a personal friend of the deceased, the governor of Pennsylvania and leaders in commercial and state affairs throughout the country, bowed their heads in acknowledgment of the departure into the future of a man who had made a noble use of the talents entrusted to him.

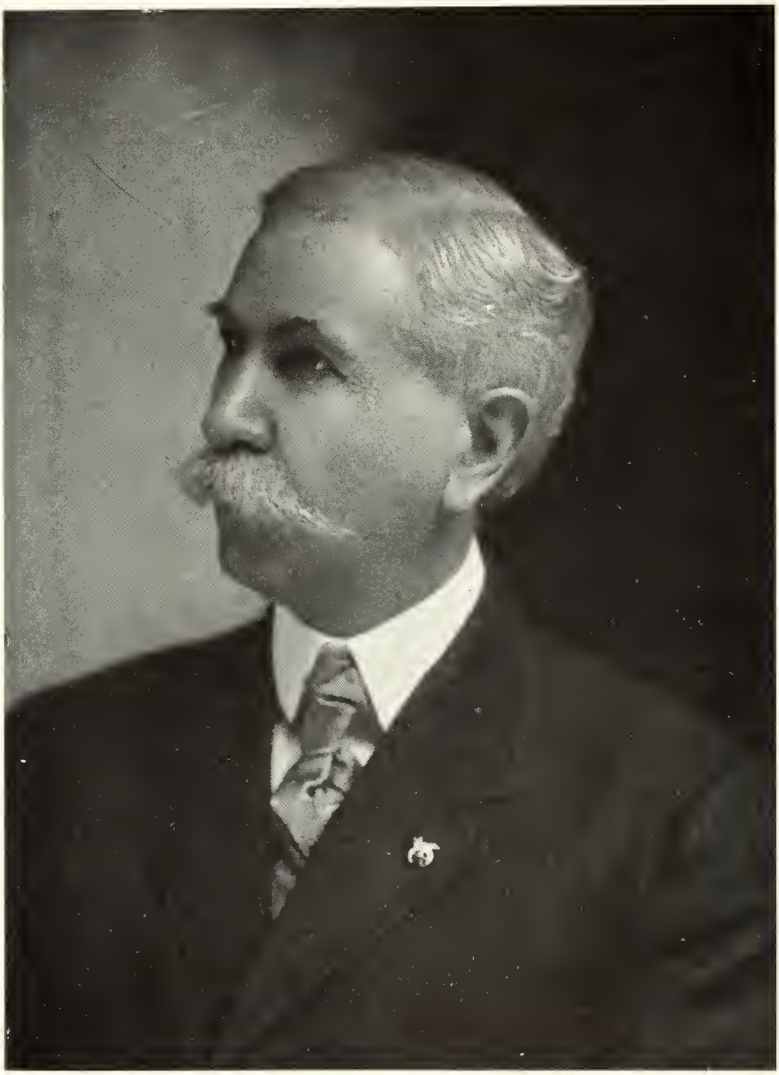
Joseph H. Williams, a well known contractor in Erie, was born in Burlington, New Jersey, October 29, 1839, a son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Hutchinson) Williams, the father a native of Burlington New Jersey, and the mother of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The Williams family is an old and highly established one in New Jersey, and John N. Williams, the paternal great-grandfather of the Erie contractor, served in the Revolutionary war in a New Jersey regiment. He met his death at the battle of Monmouth, and his son Daniel, the grandfather of

Joseph H., was born near that battle ground in Monmouth county, and died in Burlington, New Jersey, and the maternal grandfather of Mr. Williams died in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The latter was an Englishman by birth.

Joseph H. Williams spent the early years of his life in his native city of Burlington, and in 1861, from Burlington, he volunteered in three months' service in the Civil war, but being refused on account of the company being full, he again volunteered in February, 1864, in Company F., One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the struggle. Four of his brothers were also in the war, two serving in the One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, one in the Third New Jersey Regiment and one was in the Construction Corps. Previous to joining the army Joseph H. Williams had learned the brick layer's trade, and coming to the city of Erie in 1872 he began contracting and building and has since continued along that line of work. During the past years in company with Robert T. Shank, they have been one of the largest contracting firms in their line in Erie county, and among some of the buildings for which he has given the brick may be mentioned the public library, the central school, also school buildings, Nos. 4, 5, 9, 12 and 14, many business houses and some of the finest residences in the city, including those of Dr. Brandis on East Eighth street, now the Zem Zem Club, and Mrs. C. W. Strong on West Sixth street and Central Park. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic fraternity, and from 1891 to 1902 he served as a member of the school board.

Mr. Williams married in Erie, Nancy B., a daughter of James Crane and granddaughter of Abiatha Crane, one of the pioneers of Erie and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have six children: Charles H., Joseph C., Max C., Robert K., Sarah and Laura.

Capt. John Marshall Bowyer was born in Indiana. Being appointed from Iowa, he entered the Naval Academy, September 28, 1870, and graduated in 1874; he was promoted as follows: ensign, July 17, 1875; master, May 28, 1881; lieutenant (Junior grade) March 3, 1883; and lieutenant, May 26, 1887. He was on the "Powhatan," in 1874; the "Franklin," "Juniata" and "Alaska," European Station, 1875-6; training ship "Monongahela," 1877; "Michigan," of the Northwestern Lakes, 1877-80; receiving ship "Independence," 1880-81; "Wachuset," Pacific Station, 1881-4; "Michigan" Northwestern Lakes, 1884-87. Capt. Bowyer gave instruction in torpedo service, during 1887-88; was then assigned to the "Omaha," Asiatic Station, and was with this ship from 1888 to June, 1891; he was in the naval academy from September, 1891 to 1894; on the practice ship "Constellation" during the summer cruise of 1893; "Detroit" and "Raleigh" and the ill-fated "Maine," North Atlantic Station, from July, 1894 to July, 1897. The captain was with the bureau of ordnance and did ordnance duty at Washington Navy yard from July, 1897, until the beginning of the war with Spain, April, 1898, and then went to the "Princeton" as executive officer, May 2, 1898. He was given patrol duty about the west end of Cuba during the latter part of Spanish-American war, from there he was sent to the Philippines via Suez Canal, sailing from New York, January 11, 1899;



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he was promoted to lieutenant commander, March 3, 1899, detached from "Princeton" to "Yorktown," January 1, 1900; participated in the suppression of the Philippine insurrection and the boxer troubles in North China; was detached from "Yorktown" to flagship "Brooklyn," as executive, September 3, 1900, and detached from the "Brooklyn" to home, April 4, 1901. Captain Bowyer did duty at Naval Gun Factory, Navy Yards, Washington, D. C., as assistant superintendent of the Gun Factory and head of the department yards and docks, from July 16, 1901 to July 8, 1905. He was promoted to commander on March 21, 1903, and sent to command the U. S. S. "Columbia" on special duty, July 10, 1905; he was senior officer present in command of "Columbia" at Colon, and the "Marblehead" at Panama when six hundred marines went ashore on the Isthmus of Panama, during elections in June, 1906; he was senior officer present, Havana, commanding United States naval force assigned to special duty in Cuban waters from November 2, 1906, to March 26, 1907, then detached to duty as aid to the assistant secretary of the navy; promoted captain, November 8, 1907; assumed command of the battleship "Illinois," United States Atlantic Fleet, November 25, 1907, and made cruise with that fleet to the Pacific, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., being Commander-in-Chief, and thence around the world to the westward, Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, U. S. N., being Commander-in-Chief, arriving at Hampton Roads, February 22, 1909. Detached from "Illinois" to command "Connecticut" flagship of the fleet, April 20, 1909; and detached from "Connecticut to U. S. Naval Academy as superintendent, June 10, 1909.

Virgil G. Curtis. A man of broad culture, talented, energetic and progressive, Virgil G. Curtis, superintendent of the city schools of Corry, is widely and favorably known in educational circles, both in the East and the Middle West, where he has served in the same capacity with equal zeal, intelligence and efficiency. A son of Seymour Curtis, he was born March 31, 1842, in Columbus, Warren county. He comes of good old New England stock, his grandfather, Captian David Curtis, and his great-grandfather, James Curtis, having both been natives of Woodbury, Litchfield county, Connecticut.

Born in October, 1762, James Curtis was not yet seventeen years old, when, in July, 1779, he eagerly responded to the alarm call, and went to the defense of New Haven when that city was burned, being afterwards present at the burning of the cities of Fairfield and Norwich. He subsequently enlisted five times for service in the Revolutionary war, enlisting first in the fall of 1779, as a private, under Captain Griswold, and serving two months; second, in February, 1780, when he served under Colonel Mead for five weeks as a private; third, in August, 1780, when he served for a month as guard at Stamford; enlisting fourth, in July, 1781, as a private, and serving one year and three months under Captain Turner and Colonel Harvey Jackson; and fifth in October, 1782, when he enlisted as a private under Colonel Brooks, with whom he served fourteen months. In September, 1832, he applied for a pension, which was granted him without demur. Removing, about 1796, from Connecticut to Chenango county, New York, he settled as a pioneer on land that he purchased, lying four miles east of the village of Sherburne, and was there employed in tilling the soil until his death, in 1835. He married Amy Seymour, who was born June 9, 1761, and died November 8, 1826. She reared two children, David and Sibyl.

David Curtis, whose birth occurred August 17, 1786, was but ten years old when his parents removed to Chenango county, where he was brought up and educated. Entering the employ of J. H. Huydekopper, agent for the Holland Company, he came, in 1822, to Pennsylvania to survey land in Warren county, and for his services was given a body of land in Columbus township, a part of which is now included in the borough of Columbus. He subsequently donated a tract on the east side of the creek for a park, and another for a cemetery. In the fall he returned to Chenango county, making the trip as he came, on horseback, and early in 1823 removed with his family to Warren county, settling on land that he had selected the previous year, and on which a log cabin had been erected. Prosperously engaged in general farming, he resided there until his death, July 27, 1832. His wife, whose maiden name was Delilah Sears, was born September 5, 1791, and died February 1, 1872.

Seymour Curtis was born in Sherburne, Chenango county, New York, in 1818, but was reared and educated in Warren county, Pennsylvania. Choosing the free and independent occupation of a farmer, he bought land near Columbus when ready to settle in life, and from that time until his death, in 1856, carried on farming with good results. He married Lucretia Pardee, who was born at Rome, New York, March 26, 1820, a daughter of Merritt and Rebecca (Woodin) Pardee, both of whom were born in Connecticut, the former in Guilford, and the latter in New Haven. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pardee lived for a time in Rome, from there coming to Corry, where they spent their last years. Two children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Curtis, a son, Virgil G., of this brief sketch, and a daughter, Elvene. After her graduation from the State Normal School at Oswego, New York, Elvene Curtis attended Cornell University, and was subsequently, for a number of years, principal of the Teachers' Training School at Toledo, Ohio.

Having prepared for college at the Clinton Liberal Institute, in Clinton, New York, Virgil G. Curtis entered Tufts College, from which he was graduated in 1866 with the degree of A. B. Beginning his career as a teacher, he met with eminent success, and in 1870 became superintendent of the public schools of Corry, a position that he held for ten years. Going then to Minnesota, he was similarly employed for the next seven years, being three years in Stillwater, and four years in Winona. Returning East at the end of that time Mr. Curtis served most acceptably as superintendent of the schools of New Haven, Connecticut, for five years, when he resigned to accept a similar position in St. Paul, Minnesota. Two years later, on account of the ill health of his wife, he gave up his position in that city, and returned to Corry in order that she might be with her friends and relatives, and since 1905 has filled his present position as superintendent of the city schools of this place.

Mr. Curtis married, in 1866, Mary C. Webber, who was born, in 1845, in Columbus, Warren county, daughter of Hiram and Esther (Walton) Webber, natives of New York state, and pioneers of Columbus, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Curtis died in Corry, in 1905, leaving one daughter, Carlene, wife of John E. Blunt, Jr., of Evanston, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Blunt have four children, namely: Curtis, John E., Carleton A. and Carlene Lucretia. Mr. Curtis is prominent in Masonic circles, being

a Knight Templar and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and in his religious views is broad and liberal, and a worthy member of the Unitarian church.

EDWARD CAMPHAUSEN. Graven deeply and with marked distinction on the history of the state of Pennsylvania are the name and works of Hon. Edward Camphausen, who died at his home in the city of Erie, on Friday, February 13, 1903. He stood as an honored member of a striking group of men whose influence in the social and economic life of the nation was of most beneficent order. It is easy to attribute the elements of greatness to any man who has been in the least conspicuous in public affairs, but in the perspective of years each presentment assumes its true value and an unequivocal verdict may be rendered. The fame of Edward Camphausen rests on the firm basis of work accomplished and honors worthily won, and in studying his clean-cut, sane, distinct character, interpretation follows fact in a straight line of derivation. His character was the positive expression of a strong and loyal nature, and the laurels of high personal accomplishment were his, as well as the goodly heritage of distinguished and patrician ancestry.

Edward Camphausen was born in the historic old city of Cologne, Germany, on the 20th of February, 1823, and had his life been prolonged by only a few days he would thus have celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birth. In both the paternal and maternal lines he was a scion of distinguished ancestry. On the paternal side the family has been established in Dusseldorf, Germany, and its vicinity for fully five centuries, and the name has been prominent in connection with financial, civic and military affairs in the great German empire during practically that entire period. One of his cousins, the distinguished Otto Camphausen, was long incumbent of the office of minister of finance in the cabinet of the emperor at Berlin. His mother was a member of the notable Westphalian family of Freiherrn von Schorlemmer-Nieder-Hellinghausen, prominent in German affairs for more than ten centuries. Her ancestors received the order of knighthood at the hands of the great Christian emperor, Charlemagne, and thus became freeholders of the Holy Roman Empire. At a later date representatives of this distinguished family were prominent in the great religious reformation under the leadership of Martin Luther.

The subject of this memoir was afforded the advantages of a home of distinctive culture and refinement, and after attending a military academy in his native land he entered Bonn University, where he continued his higher academic studies. He thereafter served about one year as a volunteer officer in the German army, and then, in 1848, during the turbulent times in Germany, when twenty-five years of age, he severed the ties which bound him to home and fatherland and came to America, where it was to be his portion to attain personal honors, success and distinction. He was a close personal friend of Carl Schurz, who when in Erie was entertained at Mr. Camphausen's home. Soon after his arrival he came to Erie county and took up his residence in that part of Mill Creek township which is now included in the Sixth ward of the city of Erie. In 1866 he was actively identified with the organization of South Erie into a borough, and there he was called upon to serve in various offices, including those of school director, councilman, justice of the peace and solicitor. In 1870 he was one of the foremost in bringing about the annexation of South Erie to the city of Erie, and

his effective services and personal popularity led to his being chosen as a member of the select council, of which he became president in 1871. In this office he had occasion several times to fill the part of acting mayor during the absence of the regular incumbent, Hon. William L. Scott. As such he assumed the leadership in the raising of funds for the sufferers by the great Chicago fire of that year, and in this connection he exemplified that deep human sympathy and generous spirit which were ever characteristic of the man.

Through effective study and discipline Mr. Camphausen ably fortified himself for the work of the legal profession, and he was admitted to the bar of the state of Pennsylvania, March 15, 1865. Concerning his professional career the following estimate has been given by one familiar with the same: "He entered at once upon a large and very lucrative practice. He gave his attention mainly to the civil branch of his profession, especially in the line of conveyancing. His income as a lawyer was probably larger at one period than that of any other person who has practiced in the Erie courts. He took a trip to Europe with his family in 1873, being absent fourteen months. While there he was honored with an appointment as commissioner for Pennsylvania to the Vienna exposition. On his return he resumed the practice of law, with the same remarkable success as before. In 1876 he filled the office of city solicitor." Mr. Camphausen had a deep appreciation of the dignity and responsibilities of the exacting profession to which he devoted many years of his life, and his record as a member of the bar of the Keystone state is one that will ever stand to his credit and honor.

In public affairs of wider scope it was given the subject of this memorial to gain distinction. On his career as a diplomat rests largely his national fame. Concerning this matter the following pertinent statements are consistently reproduced in this article: "Appointed United States consul to Naples in 1885, he served in that distinguished post for five years—four under Cleveland and one under Harrison. His service abroad was marked by a degree of tact, courtesy and ability that placed him in the front rank of our foreign representatives, and made him popular not only among Americans but also among all classes in Italy. He gave a great deal of attention to the social duties of his office and won the reputation of being 'the most hospitable consul in Europe.' One of those he had the pleasure of entertaining was the Hon. James G. Blaine, who wrote him a charming letter of acknowledgment and was his warm friend ever afterward. Upon returning home, June 18, 1890, Mr. Camphausen and his family were given a most cordial greeting. A public reception was tendered them in their home city, and welcoming speeches were made by a number of representative citizens."

After his return from his post at Naples, Mr. Camphausen lived a virtually retired life, though he continued to give a general supervision to his various private interests, which were of varied order and wide scope. He continued to take a loyal interest in public affairs, and "every effort for the general benefit of Erie found in him a brave and energetic advocate." He made judicious investments in local realty and made substantial improvements on his various properties, having erected buildings in divers parts of the city. In 1895 was completed the erection of the beautiful family homestead, on West Tenth street, and it has ever been

a center of gracious hospitality, offering the attractions of refined appointments and cultured atmosphere.

In politics Mr. Camphausen was arrayed as a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, in which he was confirmed as a boy, and he aided in many ways the cause of religion, in which connection his generosity knew no creed. He was well fortified in his opinions, had a deep reverence for the spiritual verities, and was tolerant of the views of others. He was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, held membership in the Erie Club, Kahkwa Country Club, and the Erie Board of Trade, and was one of the incorporators of both the Hamot Hospital and the Glenwood Park Association.

On the 18th of April, 1853, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Camphausen to Miss Sophia Zimmerman, who survives him, as do also two of their seven children—Misses Eda and Florence, who remain with their mother. Mrs. Camphausen was born in the city of Erie and is a daughter of Frederick and Almira (Drown) Zimmerman, the former of whom was likewise born in Erie, a member of the old and honored family of that name, and the latter of whom was a member of the Drown family, prominent in the early history of New England. Frederick Zimmerman was a son of John Zimmerman, who came from Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Erie county in the pioneer epoch of this section.

An editorial appearing in a local newspaper at the time of the death of Mr. Camphausen spoke of him in the following appreciative words: "Mr. Camphausen was a man of splendid bodily vigor as well as mental attainments. Few persons who saw him a month before his death would have supposed him to be over sixty years of age. Always dignified and courteous, he was known to nearly every person in the city, and had the respect of all. His home relations were of the kindest and happiest nature. He loved his family and was blessed with the most devoted attention in return." His benevolence was a constant and unwearied desire to contribute to the happiness of all who came within the sphere of his influence. He had a high sense of his stewardship, but the great, tender heart of the man is the basis of the love and veneration in which his memory is held in the city and state which he so signally honored by his life and services.

Michael Liebel, Jr. A native son of the city of Erie who has well upheld the prestige of a name honored in the history of this county and who has marked by distinctive personal accomplishment a place of his own in connection with the economic, industrial and civic affairs of Erie, is the city's present able and popular mayor, whose name introduces this paragraph.

Mr. Liebel was born in the city of Erie, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of December, 1870, and is a son of Michael and Clara (Uhr) Liebel. Michael Liebel was a native of Germany, where he was born on the 17th of June, 1843, a son of John and Barbara (Hammer) Liebel, who passed the closing years of their lives in Erie. Michael Liebel was afforded the advantages of the excellent schools of his native land, and was fourteen years of age when he came to America in company with his parents. The family located in Erie soon after their arrival in America, and here Michael served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade,

in which he became an expert workman. In 1861 he engaged in the boot and shoe business, in which he here continued for a period of five years. In the meanwhile he had commenced to make judicious investments in local realty, and his interests in this line eventually became very extensive, while he also identified himself, in a capitalistic way, with various enterprises of importance. After he retired from the shoe business these varied interests placed ample demands upon his time and attention, and he became one of the substantial capitalists and influential citizens of Erie, where he gained success through his own well directed efforts and confidence and honors through his sterling character and generous personality. He did much for the advancement and material upbuilding of Erie, where he erected many buildings of substantial type, including the Liebel Hotel, a fine brick and stone structure of four stories, on State street, which is still owned by his estate.

Michael Liebel, Sr., was a man of strong individuality and excellent mentality, so that he naturally had a due appreciation of the responsibilities of citizenship in the land of his adoption. His political allegiance was given to the Democratic party, and he took a deep and intelligent interest in public affairs, especially those of a local order. His hold upon the esteem of the community was shown in the fact that he was called upon to serve in both the select and common councils of the city, in each of which bodies he was chosen president within his term of membership. In 1877 he was elected a member of the board of water commissioners, and for one year he was president of this board. He was a communicant of the Catholic church, and held membership in the parish of St. Peter's cathedral, in which his widow is a devout communicant. He was summoned to the life eternal in May, 1906, and his record is that of a man who accomplished much and whose career was marked by the most impregnable integrity and honor. His marriage to Miss Clara Uhr, daughter of John Uhr, of Erie, was solemnized in 1865, and they became the parents of three sons—Eugene, who is a representative business man of Oil City, Pennsylvania; Frederick W., who died in 1896; and Michael, Jr., who is the immediate subject of this review. Mrs. Liebel who survives her honored husband still occupies the attractive family homestead in Erie, with whose social affairs she has been identified for many years, having a wide circle of loyal and valued friends.

Michael Liebel, Jr., gained his early educational training in the parochial and public schools of Erie, after which he was matriculated in St. Canisius College, in the city of Buffalo, New York, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887. For a brief interval after leaving college he was employed in the Buffalo offices of the Nickle Plate Railroad, and he then returned to Erie, where for five years he was employed in the office of Jackson Koehler, at that time conducting one of the leading breweries of this section of the state. After his retirement from the position last noted Mr. Liebel engaged in the wholesale liquor business, under the title of the M. Liebel, Jr., Company, and with this line of enterprise he continued to be identified for a period of three years. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Cascade Brewing Company, and of the same he was secretary and treasurer until the business was consolidated with that of the Erie Brewing Company, under which latter title the combined enterprise was continued. Of the Erie Brewing Company Mayor Liebel

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was secretary for seven years, at the expiration of which he resigned the office and disposed of his interest in the business. He still has many business and capitalistic interests, both in Erie and elsewhere, and has charge of his father's large estate. He is the owner of a considerable amount of improved real estate in Erie, is a member of the directorate of the Security & Savings Bank of Erie, and is president of the Youngstown Heating Company, of Youngstown, Ohio. He is a valued member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Board of Trade, and is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Order of Moose, besides which he holds membership in the Erie Maennerchor and the Country Club.

The political allegiance of Mayor Liebel is given to the Democratic party, and he has shown a commendable interest in all that has tended to conserve the progress and prosperity of his native city, which has honored him by calling him to serve in the chief executive office of the municipal government. In September, 1906, Mr. Liebel received from the city council the appointment to the office of mayor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mayor Robert J. Saltsman. At the regular city election of 1907 he was chosen by the popular vote to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term of Mayor Saltsman, which term expired on the 1st of April, 1908. The popular appreciation of the administration of Mayor Liebel was even more distinctly shown in the election of February 7, 1907, when he was elected to the mayoralty for the full term, while still serving the unexpired term of his honored predecessor in the office. His administration has been sane, progressive, and directed according to business principles, so that his name will pass into the annals of the city as that of one of its excellent and popular chief executives. His present term of office will expire April 1, 1911. So far as superficial evidences can indicate, Erie's popular mayor is still "heart whole and fancy free,"—at least he still clings to the life of the bachelor.

William Ward Reed, who died in his native city of Erie, January 10, 1904, was one of the leading members of a family which has been most prominent in the primitive establishment of the community and its development, for considerably more than a century, into prosperous and advanced metropolitan life. A Reed was one of the first settlers of Erie; he built the first house on the site of the present city; one of his sons celebrated the first marriage recorded in the local annals, and his grandson by this marriage was the first white child born in Erie. It was Colonel Seth Reed, great-grandfather of William W., who thus established the family name and started it in its broad and honorable career of useful and good works. He was a native of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, born March 6, 1746, and a son of Lieutenant John Reed who received his military title through active service in the French and Indian wars. Colonel Reed himself was commissioned in the Revolutionary war and commanded his troops at the battle of Bunker Hill. At the conclusion of the war he moved from Massachusetts into Ontario county, New York, where by trade with the Indians he became owner of a tract of land eighteen miles in extent. Finally, he sold this property, and brought his wife and two sons (James Manning and Charles John) to the present site of Erie, arriving on the 17th of June, 1795. The family came from Buffalo to Erie in a sail boat, reaching the har-

bor in the evening and camping on the peninsula over night, for fear of the Indians. Soon after his arrival, Colonel Reed erected a log cabin at the mouth of Mill Creek, which was the first permanent building in Erie. Known as the Presque Isle Hotel, it was used by its builder both as family residence and public house. In the following fall the Colonel's others sons, Rufus S. and George W., came to Erie by way of Pittsburg, and in the succeeding year the family homestead became the well known farm on Walnut Creek, where the pioneer father died March 19, 1797, less than two years after his arrival on the banks of Mill Creek. His wife (nee Hannah Harwood) died in Erie on December 8, 1821, being the mother of the following children, four sons of whom have already been mentioned: James Manning, Charles John, Sophia, Rufus Seth, Sally Adams, Henry Joseph, George Washington and Mary (Polly).

Charles J. Reed, the grandfather, was also a native of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, born December 23, 1771, and his marriage to Rachael Miller, December 27, 1797, was the first ceremony of the kind solemnized in Erie. His former wife (Esther Wyndham) had died in that place at the birth of their son, William Wyndham Reed, the first white child to claim Erie as its birthplace. The children of Charles John and his second wife (Rachel Miller), all of whom were born on the Walnut creek farm, were Matilda Catherine, Seth II, Emily, Charles John, Jr., Cyrus, James Manning, Nancy, Caroline, Mary Annin, Henry Joseph Annin, George Washington, Frances Sarah, Thomas Miller and Hannah. The father of this family died at Erie, May 10, 1830, his wife also passing away as a resident of the city, October 25, 1851.

William Wyndham Reed, son of Charles J. Reed by his first marriage, was born in Erie, February 20, 1796, and married Elizabeth Ingram Smith, at Ashtabula, Ohio, on the 7th of October, 1821. His wife was born at Clinton, Oneida county, New York, on the 14th of November, 1797, and their children (all born in Ashtabula) were as follows: Charles Manning II., born August 14, 1822, who died at Erie, October 23, 1845; William Ward, special subject of this review; Rufus Seth II., who was born October 21, 1826, and died February 17, 1830; Edmund Wyndham, born November 14, 1828, who died on the 4th of May, same year; Elizabeth Ann, who was born May 27, 1831; Edmund Wyndham II., born September 6, 1833; Robert Irwin, who was born March 11, 1836, and died March 13th of the following year, and Sarah Ann, youngest of the eight children, a sketch of whose elevated and elevating life follows the biography of her talented and honored brother. William W. Reed, the father of the family, remained in Ashtabula, Ohio, as a leading merchant for a number of years. He failed in the panic of 1837, but did not return to Erie until 1845, when he became secretary and treasurer of the Erie Canal Company, which office he held at the time of his death September 9, 1851. His widow survived him for more than a third of a century, passing away at Erie, on the 15th of May, 1888.

William Ward Reed, the second child of this family, was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, on April 1, 1824, and was nearly eighty years of age at the time of his death in Erie. He received an academic education at Ashtabula and Erie, and after leaving school became a clerk in a warehouse in the former place, subsequently filling various positions on the lakes for some four years. Then leaving the marine service he filled a clerical position for some time in the general store of the Reed's furnace on Big Sandy creek, Mercer county, Pennsylvania. In 1849,

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when twenty-five years of age, he commenced his career as a civil engineer on the Erie and Northeast Railroad (now the Lake Shore), and in the following year was promoted to be assistant engineer. In September, 1851, he went to Canada, and for four years was engaged in various engineering works on the Ontario, Simco and Huron Railroad, between Toronto and Collingwood. During the following year he was busy on the harbor construction at the later place, and was next placed in charge of the building of the railroad from Clifton to Niagara-on-the-Lake; for the succeeding two years was contractor's engineer on the Sarnac branch of the Great Western Railroad, and following the completion of this work built the canal aqueduct near Girard, Pennsylvania. In 1859 Mr. Reed was elected general superintendent of the Pennsylvania and Erie canal, in which capacity he served until the abandominent of the enterprise. He was chosen president of the Erie Board of Water Commissioners, in 1867, serving thus for twelve years. He was also one of the founders of the Second National Bank of Erie; was for many years a director of that institution and, for a portion of the period, its vice president. Mr. Reed was widely influential and popular and, at times, quite active in Republican politics; but, unfortunately for his advancement to a seat in Congress, he championed equal-county representation in his district (the twenty-seventh), and successively failed of receiving a nomination in 1876, 1878 and 1880. He always took a deep interest in charitable and benevolent institutions, being long a director of the Hamot Hospital and a prominent member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities. The correct inference may readily be deduced from such life facts as these that William W. Reed was a real benefactor to Erie and Pennsylvania in varied and numerous ways.

Sarah A. Reed, youngest child of William W. and Elizabeth Ingram (Smith) Reed, was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, March 16, 1838, but when a child of seven came with other members of the family to Erie, and has been a continuous resident of the city for about sixty-four years. There she was educated, and almost since girlhood has been a leader along the lines of literature, art, society and charity. For thirty-four years she has been especially active in the work of the Home for the Friendless, and for the past two decades has served as its president. In fact, there is scarcely one of the city's charities, whose progress has been of a pronounced character, in which Miss Reed has not figured as an active and highly useful factor. In 1880 she also inaugurated the literary study classes of Erie, which have ever since been under her direction; which have become among the recognized establishments of the city, patronized by the leading families of the city. She is a wide reader and a thoughtful student in many fields and her broad travels, both in the United States and Europe, have added to her high authority as a woman of thorough information and to her charms as a conversationalist and a writer.

Isador Sobel. An accomplished and cultured gentleman, a public-spirited and liberal-minded citizen, an able attorney, a Republican of national standing and an honored man of public affairs, Isador Sobel, now serving as postmaster of Erie, is one of the strong and broad representatives of American citizenship which honor any community or commonwealth. A son of Samuel and Cecelia (King) Sobel, he was born

in New York City, August 28, 1858, his paternal grandfather, Solomon Sobel, having been a native of Germany. There the father was also born, in 1833, there received his education, and there served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade. At the age of twenty he emigrated to the United States, first residing in New York City for three years and marrying during that period. Soon afterward he established himself at Petroleum Center, Venango county, Pennsylvania, as a dry goods merchant, building up a flourishing business, erecting an opera house and in many other ways contributing to the advancement of the community. In 1873 he transferred his business and his residence to Erie, and retained his rank as a leading dry goods merchant of that city until his return to New York City in 1887.

Having received a public school education in grammar school No. 3, New York City, Isador Sobel pursued a course at the College of the City of New York, and on his removal to Erie attended the Erie high school for some time, and subsequently associated himself with his father's business interests at the former place until 1884, when he began the study of law in the office of Hon. S. M. Brainard. Admitted to the bar in May, 1888, for two years he practiced his profession alone at Erie, after which he formed a partnership with his former preceptor under the firm name of Brainard & Sobel, this connection existing two years.

As a lawyer Mr. Sobel at once took high rank and has ever maintained his standing; but it is in the public service that he has received the most pronounced recognition, having for many years been one of the leaders of Republicanism in both city and county. For three years, 1889-1891, he was secretary of the Republican county committee and for a like period 1893-1896, its chairman. In 1891 he was elected common councilman in Erie's stronghold of Democracy, the First ward, and was re-elected in 1893, by the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office; was president of common council in 1894. In 1896 he also served as chairman of the executive committee which had full charge of the memorable campaign in Erie county, and in the same year was the Republican candidate for mayor. Mr. Sobel served as vice-president of the League of Republican Clubs of Pennsylvania in 1894-95 and as its president in 1896-97. An additional honor came to him in 1896, as presidential elector on the McKinley ticket, and since 1898 he has during three terms held the postmastership of Erie, under appointment by Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. His efficiency in that position has caused his name to be advanced to the first position for promotion to an important executive office in the general department, and to his election as third vice president of the National Postmasters' Association and as the first president of the Postmasters' Association of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sobel is acknowledged also to be among the foremost representatives of his religious faith in the United States. In 1906 fifty Jewish citizens of the country were selected as national representatives, organizing under the name of the American Jewish committee and placing him on the executive branch of the body. Mr. Sobel is also a member of the general committee of District No. 3, I. O. B. B., is one of the managers of the Hamot Hospital and is president of the Hamot Hospital Corporators' Association. There is no member of the Jewish Temple of Erie who is more active or thoroughly honored, having served as its president for four years. He is also a leader in the fraternal and secret orders, being a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner and

identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His wife, to whom he was married March 17, 1891, was Miss Emma Auerheim, daughter of S. Auerheim, a well-known merchant of Bradford, Pennsylvania. There are three sons, Jeffrey M., Norman T. and Sidney A.

Rt. Rev. John E. Fitz Maurice, D. D., Bishop of Erie. The able and beloved Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, by reason of manly physical strength, jealously conserved, by a temperate and a godly life, has already passed the three-score years and ten with which the few in this world are blessed, and half a century of this span has been faithfully devoted to the service of his Church and the spread of the Gospel. A venerable figure, both of high spirituality and ability, with a profound mental equipment of the trained lawyer and theologian, it was inevitable that he should rise to leadership and that worshippers and defenders of the faith in all walks of life should rest their confidence and affection in such a personality.

Right Reverend John E. Fitz Maurice, D. D., was born at Newtownsandes, County Kerry, Ireland, in February, 1839, four of the five brothers in the family having consecrated their lives to the Priesthood. At the age of fifteen years John E. entered a law office in Dublin and spent four years in preparation for the Legal Profession. Both in mental training and in the acquisition of practical knowledge, such an experience was invaluable, although in 1858, when he came to the United States he abandoned all thought of the law as a life work. Instead, he began the systematic study of Latin and Greek as a student at St. Charles Borromeo's Seminary, as a preparatory step toward entering the Priesthood. On December 22, 1862, he assumed Holy Orders, Archbishop Wood, of Philadelphia officiating and was first appointed an Assistant to the Rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, that city. He then held the same position for three months at St. Paul's Church and was next assigned to the Rectorship of the newly organized Parish of St. Agatha, whose Church was formerly an Episcopalian property at the corner of Thirty-sixth street and Fairmont avenue. Under his administration a new building was erected and the parish rapidly expanded in membership and influence. The executive ability and scholarship of Father Fitz Maurice became so manifest that in 1887 Archbishop Ryan appointed him Rector of St. Charles Theological Seminary at Overbrook, Pennsylvania, thereby assigning him to a post of honor in the Church which incessantly demanded these very traits. For eleven years his duties at that institution included not only the supervision of the teaching staff and the selection of successful candidates for the Priesthood, but the teaching of Homiletics himself—a branch of Church Theology which is considered the very corner-stone of the Roman Catholic faith and system. In January, 1898, he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop to the late Bishop Mullen, was consecrated in the Cathedral at Philadelphia the following month, and on March 4th of that year arrived at Erie to assume the duties of his office. On September 19, 1899, Bishop Mullen resigned and Right Reverend Dr. Fitz Maurice succeeded him as head of the Diocese. His administration of the intervening decade has witnessed the creation of two new parishes in the city and several without, the doubling of the priesthood in num-

bers, and the infusion into every branch of the church work the zeal, faithfulness and practical Christianity which are so dominant in the personality of the Bishop himself. Now in his seventy-first year, he stands as a broad and venerable but stalwart figure in the community—a man who has endeared himself to his parishioners who have been in such sacred contact with him for a decade, as well as to the public at large, because of his charity and liberality of spirit to the individual, the city and the state.

Hugh Neely Fleming, secretary of the Perry Iron Works of Erie, commands the respect of the entire community not only for the service he has rendered toward the upbuilding of the city's business interests and prospects, but also by reason of the brilliant military record of illustrious ancestors. For many years he was engaged in the real estate business here and, in prosecuting that line of endeavor, was among those who first erected flat buildings in this city, his structure being known as the Fleming Flats. His energies have, moreover, been exerted in other provinces, for by his inventive genius he contrived a valuable device known as the Fleming mail catcher and deliverer, which is used extensively on the railroads, its use being obvious in the mail service.

Mr. Fleming was born in Erie, January 2, 1868, a son of Major Hugh Brady Fleming, who, in turn, was a son of Gen. James Fleming, who was a son of John Fleming, the founder of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and he in turn was a son of the Earl of Wigton. Gen. James Fleming fought in the War of 1812, in which conflict he participated in the battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane, under command of General Scott. In the battle of Fort Erie, New York, he was wounded. Later he served in the United States army and, subsequently, for many years, was a member of the Pennsylvania State Militia, in which he was advanced to the rank of major general. His wife was Rebecca, the daughter of Robert Lowry, and among their children was Major Hugh Brady Fleming.

The last named, who became one of Erie's distinguished citizens, was a native of Rockdale township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, born in 1827. In 1848 he received the appointment to the United States Military Academy, where he was in the class of the late General Sheridan. Upon being graduated from that institution he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Sixth United States Infantry, on July 1, 1852. His first active military service was experienced in the struggle with the Sioux Indians, in the defense of Fort Laramie, June 13, 1853. In a fight with the same tribe on August 24, of the following year he was wounded. For a while he served on garrison duty at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and later, in 1856, was placed in the frontier service at Fort Steilacoom, Washington territory. He performed military duty in many places throughout the country. He acted as a scout against the Puget Sound Indians in 1856; was transferred to Bellingham, Washington territory, in 1857, and in that year was also on duty at Forts Dallas and Walla Walla, participating, too, in the Spokane expedition. On May 17, 1858, he engaged in a combat with the Indians at Tohotsuimme; was at Fort Lakes the succeeding September, during which month he was also on an expedition at Spokane plains and Spokane river. At Walla Walla frontier duty commanded his attention from 1858 until 1860, while on May 4, 1861, he received promotion as captain of the Ninth

United States Infantry. During his brilliant military career he became the recipient of many honors for excellent service. For relieving Kit Carson at Fort Garland, that well-known historical character presented him with the sword he used when conducting General Fremont over the mountains.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Captain Fleming was invited by Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, to assume command of a regiment, while he was also extended a like offer by the governor of New York. However, Secretary of War, Stanton, refused to accept his resignation, thereby compelling him to remain on the frontier. From the year 1861 to 1865 he was detailed as mustering officer to organize the infantry battalions at Fort Columbus, New York, acting also as mustering and disbursing officer at Buffalo and later serving in a like capacity for Nevada and California, in the latter state being stationed at Fort Humbolt. Following his service as assistant provost marshal general and superintendent of volunteer recruiting, in Nevada and California, or in December, 1865, he assumed frontier duty at Fort Ruby, Nevada, and on July 28, 1866, won his spurs and gold leaf while attached to the Nineteenth Infantry. In 1869 he was assiged to the Fifth Infantry, in which he served until 1870, when, on account of ill health, he was retired, being then honored with the rank of major.

After his retirement Major Fleming took up his abode in Erie, residing on West Eighth street, here spending his remaining days, death summoning him into the beyond on April 9, 1895. His wife was Miss Maria Louise Neely, daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Moorehead) Neely, and he survived her for one year. The major spent much time in travel after making his residence here. Although he had withdrawn from active military service he still manifested deep interest in martial affairs and would have accepted an invitation to take the chair of military science in the University of California had he felt physically qualified. Deeply imbued with a martial and patriotic spirit he rendered valuable service to the country through his long military career, while his strength of character and admirable social qualities commanded the highest respect during his twenty-five years residence in Erie.

Hugh Neely Fleming, whose name introduces this review, was reared in the Bay city. He acquired his preparatory education in the Erie Academy and Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusets, while later he became a student at Yale College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. His inventive genius has been a prominent feature in his life and, following his graduation, he spent considerable time in testing the utility of his talents in that direction. What is known as the "Fleming mail catcher and deliverer" was his idea and this device is employed extensively on the railroads throughout the country in the mail service of moving trains. The real estate business also commanded his attention for several years and, aside from owning much realty in various portions of the city, he was one of the first to erect apartment buildings here, owning what are known as the "Fleming flats."

Mr. Fleming is a man of conservative business judgment, whose careful and well-advised investments have not only added to his personal property but also to the business interests of the city. His real estate operations have been toward enhancing the city's commercial opportunities as well as broadening its borders for residence purposes. In 1907 he became secretary of the Perry Iron Works, the duties of which re-

sponsible office he is now performing with the same executive power, which characterized his former labors in other provinces of activity. He belongs to the Sons of the Revolution and, by inheritance, is a member of the Loyal Legion. Socially he is affiliated with the Erie, Kahkwa and Country Clubs, while in all of the organizations to which he belongs his standing is such as to deserve deference; his business career, too, entitling him to prominence, for his success is due both to his ability and the straightforward methods observed.

M. Levant Davis. The Davis family of which the subject of this sketch is a descendant, was first established in America when Daniel Davis came over from his native country of Wales about the year 1759 and settled on Long Island. He had two sons, William and Zophar. The latter named was born October 7, 1769, and was the great-grandfather of M. Levant Davis. The family removed from Long Island to Vermont, and there Daniel Davis lived until his death, which occurred sometime after the year 1816 at Portleboro, in Addison county.

Zopher Davis was married to Lois Porter, a daughter of a Vermont family, and a large number of children were born to them. In the year 1816 they moved to Erie county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Washington township, being among the early settlers of that part of the county. They purchased a large tract of land, on which they made their home and lived during the remainder of their lives, Zophar passing to his reward in June, 1858.

William Davis, one of the sons of Zophar, was born in Rutland county, Vermont, November 27, 1812, and was therefore a child of about four years when his father removed with his family to Pennsylvania. He grew to manhood on the old homestead and was married to Louisa Thomas, daughter of Lewis Thomas, who settled in Erie county in 1818. To them were born seven children, one of whom, Minor M. Davis, was the father of the one who heads this sketch. William Davis lived the greater part of his life in Waterford township, where he owned a large farm. He was a prosperous farmer, and a man of high standing in the community. He died on May 20, 1894, while his wife had passed away in 1891.

Minor M. Davis was born April 5, 1843, in Washington township, but lived nearly all his life in Waterford township and borough. His early training was on the farm and in the district schools. He served in the War of the Rebellion for about two years as a landsman on the U. S. Gunboat Benton, which was stationed on the Mississippi river, and at the end of the service received an honorable discharge and returned to his home. On March 22, 1866, he was married to Linnie E. Williams, a daughter of Daniel and Adeline (Irons) Williams, who were residents of the same locality in Erie county, and to them were born M. Levant, L. Maude, Bertha A., now married to Harry L. Merritt, of Waterford borough, and Shirley A. They resided on a farm in Waterford township until the year 1885, when they removed to Waterford borough and Mr. Davis began business as a merchant. He was successful from the beginning, and first alone, then for several years with his brother, M. W. Davis, as Davis Bros., then for a number of years with his son as a partner, and again alone, conducted a general merchandise business up to the time of his death on April 25, 1907. Since his death the business has been carried on by his family under his

name. His widow and children, with the exception of the son, still reside in Waterford. He was one of the substantial citizens of the township and borough, and held offices of trust and honor in both places. He was a Republican in politics, and a man of impregnable integrity of purpose and had the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

M. Levant Davis was born in Waterford township April 5, 1868, and received his early education in the district schools of that township, later attending Waterford Academy and completing the academic course and graduating as a member of the class of 1888. He taught two winter terms of school in the township, worked in his father's store during vacations, and was taken into the business as a partner in 1889. Having determined to prepare himself for the legal profession, Mr. Davis entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in 1891, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws as a member of the class of 1893. He was admitted to the bar in Michigan shortly after graduation, and in the autumn of that year went to Chicago, where he served as a clerk in the law office of one of the representative members of that city for something over a year, and in the meantime was admittted to practice in the courts of Illinois. In 1895 Mr. Davis returned to the family home in Waterford, where he gave his attention principally to the mercantile business until 1900, when he took up his residence in the city of Erie, and was admitted to the bar of Erie county in June of that year. In 1902 he was elected to the office of district attorney of Erie county, assuming the duties of this position on the 1st of January, 1903, and retaining the incumbency for three years, since which time he has been engaged in the private practice of his profession.

In politics Mr. Davis is found aligned as a stanch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and he is identified with various business and fraternal organizations of the city.

On April 27, 1909, he was united in marriage to Hildegarde McClelland, a daughter of William and Mary McClelland. Her people resided in Champaign, Illinois, at the time of her birth, but her mother dying while she was still an infant, she was taken by her grandparents, Thomas and Mary McClelland, of Erie, and was brought up by them, and always made her home in that city.

General Thomas McCormick Walker, for nearly thirty years an extensive farmer of North Dakota, during the earlier portion of his life made a bright and substantial record in Pennsylvania annals as a brave and an able officer in the Civil war and a citizen of faithful service both in the county and national governments. His father, the late Hon. John H. Walker, was one of the most distinguished lawyers and public men of the state, and his standing was recognized by such men as Governor Curtin, Thaddeus Stevens and Judge Black, of the Keystone state, and Edwin M. Stanton and other characters of national and universal fame. The elder Mr. Walker was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, born on the 9th of February, 1800, being a son of John and Isabella (McCormick) Walker and descended from such early settlers that they may justly rank as among the founders of the state. William Walker, his great-grandfather, settled in what is now Lancaster county during 1710, only eighteen years after the arrival of Penn. Subsequently, the family moved to Cumberland county, which was long

the ancestral residence. The maternal grandmother of General Walker and the mother of John H. was a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Oliver) McCormick, and was born within the limits of the present city of Philadelphia on the 29th of December, 1759, being a sister of the late Cyrus McCormick, of harvester fame. The Olivers themselves have a leading part in the early history of Pennsylvania. Consequently, John H. Walker had the best of pioneer blood flowing into his veins from all sides and through all branches of the family tree. He himself, after graduating from Washington College in 1822, read law with an uncle in Philadelphia; was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1823; located in Erie in 1824, and for the succeeding half a century was one of the noted men in the city and state. He served in the legisature in 1832, 1849 and 1852 (during this period being president of the state senate), and in 1873-74 took a leading part in the Pennsylvania constitutional convention, his legal learning and his broad ability in the consideration of public question giving him unusual prominence in all its deliberations, succeeding Hon. William M. Meredith as its president. In 1831 John H. Walker wedded Miss Catherine D. Kelley, a New Hampshire lady who died in 1860, mother of nine children. He passed away on the 24th of January, 1875, a few months after the completion of his fine service as a member of the state constitutional convention.

Thomas M. Walker is a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, born on the 4th of February, 1834, at a time when his mother was on her way to join her husband at Harrisburg, where he was attending certain public duties. Although a student at Princeton (New Jersey) College. his tastes were more active than scholarly, and in 1854 he left school and spent several years thereafter engaged in railroad construction in Missouri and Illinois. His next venture was in the Canadian oil fields, but the outbreak of the Civil war brought him home to Erie county to assist in the raising of the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry. Of this he was elected major, during the progress of the war receiving successive promotions as lieutenant colonel, colonel and brevet brigadier general, and remaining with the regiment named throughout, until his honorable muster-out at Washington, District of Columbia. At Lookout Mountain, with his color bearer, he went up the ladder in the hottest fire of that terrific conflict, and for the gallantry of his regiment the state of Pennsylvania has since placed a memorial tablet in their honor on the historic spot. On Sherman's march to the sea the One Hundred and Eleventh was the first regiment to enter both Atlanta and Savannah and General Walker led the command on both historic occasions. After the battle of Cedar Mountain he was reported dead for over a week, but he was really busily engaged in Washington in substituting for the old Belgian rifles with which his regiment was armed, the more modern Springfield. While thus employed his father was beseeching Secretary Stanton to permit him to go through the lines and make a careful search for his son's body; and father and son accidentally ran into each other's arms in the old Kirkwood (now Raleigh) Hotel, at the national capital. It was a joyful meeting on both sides, and doubly so on the part of the former, who had hoped only for the sad comfort of finding his son's body on the battle field. For general gallantry in action General Walker was presented with a handsome sword by the ladies of Erie, and soon after the war the government breveted him brigadier general.

For a time after his return to Erie General Walker was engaged in the wholesale grocery business. In 1870 he was elected sheriff and in 1876 appointed postmaster, serving in the latter position until his resignation in 1879. In the following year he went to North Dakota to engage in farming. Until 1906 he cultivated on an average of five thousand acres, but since that year has decreased the area of his operations to about eleven hundred. He has the general supervision of his still large ranch and farm, usually spending the season from spring to the Christmas holidays in North Dakota, and returning to Erie for the winter months. General Walker is an old Mason, in 1855 joining Missouri Lodge, No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri. He is also identified with the societies of the Army of the Potomac, Army of the Tennessee and the Army of the Cumberland, and, naturally with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

General Walker's wife was Agnes Caughey, daughter of William M. and Sophia (Clemmens) Caughey. Her father, who is deceased, was born June 15, 1817, and represented an ancient Scotch family, whose members were among the first adherents to Presbyterianism in the mother country. During the religious persecutions of the seventeenth century its American ancestors emigrated to Ireland, making their home in the vicinity of Donegal and about 1750 two Caughey brothers came to this country and located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where one of them (Francis) died at the age of ninety-three years. This ancestor of the Erie county branch of the family became the father of two sons and three daughters. John, the second in order of birth, was born in Lancaster county, June 13, 1784; married Ann Vance Wilson, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and died June 19, 1859. His wife, who was born October 6, 1786, passed away on the 6th of May, 1839, the mother of fourteen children, of whom William M., Mrs. Walker's father, was the fifth. The latter was for many years a prominent and honored citizen of Erie county.

Judge Myron Hutchinson. The life history of Judge Myron Hutchinson was indissolubly identified with the early annals of Erie county, and stood exponent for the most sterling personal characteristics. He was born in Madison county, New York, October 5, 1795, a son of David Hutchinson. The common schools of the Empire state afforded the son with his educational training, and he remained in New York until he came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in an early period in its history and enrolled his name among its most prominent and earnest citizens. He was one of the first to establish his home in Girard, and his farm was located on what is now the main street of the city, he having donated a part of that tract for the park in the center of the town, and although a farmer all his life he took a very active and helpful part in the upbuilding and well being of the beautiful village and was one of its most public spirited citizens.

Judge Hutchinson married in his native state of New York Miss Nancy Wells, born June 12, 1792, and the only surviving member of their eight children is Mrs. David Olin, mentioned below. Judge Hutchinson was a devout Universalist, and he was not only one of the first to assist in the establishment of that church in Girard but he also remained one of its most active members throughout life, a pious Christian gentleman. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party, and he held the offices of justice of the peace, postmaster and associate judge of Erie county. This honored pioneer citizen of Erie county now lies buried

at Girard, a city which he helped to build and maintain, and he died on the 1st of September, 1859.

Within less than a week after the death of Mrs. Martha Cutler the oldest inhabitant and residing directly across the street from where Mrs. Cutler lived, died Mrs. Nancy Hutchinson, the relict of the late Judge Myron Hutchinson. After the death of Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Hutchinson was the oldest person residing in Girard borough, she having attained the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. She also retained her mental faculties to the last moment, but had for several years not enjoyed as good bodily health as had Mrs. Cutler, and for the last four or five months was entirely blind.

Mrs. Hutchinson was closely connected with the earliest history of this borough, as will be seen by the following brief biographical sketch: She was born in Saratoga county, New York, June 12, 1792. Her maiden name was Nancy Wells. She married Myron Hutchinson (the late Judge Hutchinson) in Fenner, Madison county, New York, and with him removed to Girard in the spring of 1818, her brother, Joseph Wells, coming and settling here at the same time. Her father, Thurston Wells, had preceded them some time, and had purchased two hundred acres of land, upon which the bulk of our borough now stands. Upon his death the land was equally divided between her husband and her brother Joseph. The latter donated the public square to the new town about being laid out on the lands comprising the Wells farm and named the town Girard, out of compliment to Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Hutchinson's mother's name was Irene Badger; she was descended from the Thurstons and Greenes of Rhode Island, and was a not very distant relative of General Nathaniel Greene, the Rhode Island blacksmith of Revolutionary fame. She was a good and true woman, and a kind and affectionate mother. She is survived by four children, namely Monroe, Mrs. Lydia Clemens, of Erie, Mrs. Eliza Olin, and David Wells.

Jerome Francis Downing. Success in any line of occupation, in any avenue of business, is not a matter of mere chance, but is won through energetic effort, extreme earnestness of purpose, a wise improvement of every offered opportunity, and strict attention to its every detail. The great measure of prosperity that has invariably attended every venture of Mr. Downing is speaking evidence of his ability, keen foresight, and integrity, and does him both honor and credit. He is one of Erie's oldest and most prominent citizens, and is conspicuously identified with its financial and business progress.

Coming on both sides of the house from substantial New England stock, Jerome F. Downing was born, March 24, 1827, in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, being the youngest child in a family consisting of eight sons and four daughters. His parents, James and Roxana (Forbush) Downing, natives respectively of Boston and Roxbury, Massachusetts, settled in the latter place, which is now a part of the city of Boston, soon after their marriage, but subsequently, in 1810, removed to Enfield, Massachusetts, where they bought land, and engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Brought up on the home farm, Jerome F. Downing began as a boy to assist his father in the labors incidental to farm life, attending in the meantime the short sessions of the district school. An apt scholar, with a decided liking for books, he applied himself to his studies, and having earned some money by working for wages in the neighborhood

in which he was brought up, he entered the freshman class at Amherst College, in Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1848. In 1850 he embarked in journalism, becoming editor of a newspaper in Holyoke, later being similarly employed on the Troy (New York) *Daily Post*. In the meantime Mr. Downing read law, and after his admission to the bar came to Pennsylvania in search of a favorable location, settling, in the fall of 1855, in Erie. Beginning at once the practice of his profession, he met with genuine success, and in 1863 was elected district attorney of Erie county. The ensuing year the Insurance Company of North America and Philadelphia, one of the most important and reliable fire and marine insurance companies in the country, was diligently searching for a suitable person to extend its operations westward. Its choice fell upon Mr. Downing, who, with some reluctance and many grave misgivings, accepted the offered position, becoming the company's general agent for the Western states, with headquarters in Erie.

Under the efficient management of Mr. Downing, his department of the company's affairs made rapid progress, becoming one of the most important in the insurance world, and still maintains its high standing among the many flourishing organizations since established. To accommodate and better house this immense business, Mr. Downing erected the fine brick office block at the corner of Ninth and Peach streets, which has since been its home. In 1892, as an investment for his money, he erected the six-story, brick block known as the Downing Building, at the corner of Ninth and State streets. It is the largest and most modern business block in the city, and its first, second and third floors are occupied by one of the largest and most thriving dry goods establishments in Erie, while the other floors are used as offices. Mr. Downing has also other property of great value, owning real estate in the city of Chicago, and extensive farming lands in the Northwest.

Formerly a Whig in politics, Mr. Downing became identified with the Republican party at the time of its birth, and has since been true to its highest interests. He has been prominent in municipal affairs, serving on the school board, and as a member of the city council. When Erie celebrated "Columbus Day," Mr. Downing was one of the four speakers selected to deliver addresses, the subject assigned him, and to which he did full justice, being "The Development of Four Centuries;" and when, September 11, 1895, the one hundredth anniversary of Erie's birth was celebrated, he was chosen Centennial Orator, and, as on the previous occasion acquitted himself with honor.

Alice May McCray. Erie county claims Mrs. Alice May (Winchester) McCray as a native daughter, and her career has reflected honor upon the place of her birth. She was born at Lundy's Lane on the 28th of June, 1870, to the marriage union of James M. and Lizzie L. (Rich) Winchester. James M. Winchester was a farmer until 1899 when he engaged in the flour and feed business. The daughter received her elementary training in the district schools of Pageville and at the Wellsburg high school, from which she graduated in 1886. Following this she pursued a four years' course in English and American literature, as prescribed by the "Y. P. S. and L. G.," at Ocean Park, Old Orchard, Maine, and graduated in 1894, and still later took a course of study in occultism and was granted a diploma by Dr. L. W. DeLaurence, of Chicago, Illinois, in 1904.

From her earliest girlhood Mrs. McCray has displayed studious habits and literary, musical and artistic tastes. Her first step after leaving the school room as a pupil was to teach school in order to earn a livelihood and to enable her to pursue a still higher training, and she taught for six years, both in district and high schools. Since 1886, however, she has been engaged more or less in literary work, and has contributed to the following magazines and periodicals: "Eltka," "Benjamite," "Scroll," "Dayspring," "Sunflower," "Light of Truth," and "Progressive Thinker." From 1894 until 1905 Mrs. McCray spent the winter months in Warren county, Pennsylvania, living during the summers at Lily Dale, New York, a beautiful lake resort and great educational center. During these years she devoted much of her time to portrait work, and many of her productions were sold to residents of Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Allegheny, Warren, Oil City, Spring Creek, Corry and Erie, Pennsylvania; Buffalo and Lily Dale, New York; Cleveland and Olmsted Falls, Ohio; and Detroit and Saginaw, Michigan; and Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a portrait artist of superior ability. During the year of 1907 she was secretary of the Belding Sanitarium at Belding, Michigan, and she spent a summer vacation at Grand Ledge, a beautiful resort on Grand river in that state.

During the intervening years from 1888 until 1894 Mrs. McCray was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Wellsburg, Pennsylvania, but possessing an investigating mind and at all times receptive to truth from whatsoever source it might come, she delved deeply into all religious philosophies and finally came to the same conclusion as John Ruskin—that wherever one hand meets another helpfully there is the only true and mother church, so she is no longer bound by creed but belongs to the great church of humanity, which teaches practical duties toward each other in this life, leads us to worship what we see of the divine in each other and shows us that loving, human fellowship is the real divine communion. She is a great lover of the occult and mystical, a deep sympathizer with the joys and sorrows of others, and in her lifetime she has been associated with many prominent people, whose influence have helped her in moulding her life. Her splendid educational training was obtained under great disadvantages and adverse circumstances, and she has suffered many hardships on her road to success and renown, and although always aspiring and ambitious she is also thoughtful and contemplative. She is a lover of nature and possesses splendid knowledge in scientific pursuits.

On November 12, 1894, Alice May Winchester was united in marriage in Erie to W. A. McCray, a lecturer and writer. Mrs. McCray has one sister, Mrs. Leonore Martin, wife of Frank Martin, a railroad man, of Lundy's Lane, Pennsylvania, and she is the mother of five children, viz.: Leon, Florence (deceased), Pauline, Fenton, and Geraldine.

Hon. John R. Mulkie. No man is more widely known or highly respected in Union City than the Hon. John R. Mulkie, a former legislator and councilman. He was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, in 1842, and reared and educated in the county of his birth. At the age of twenty-one years he moved from there to Erie county, where he has since resided as a useful, progressive and prosperous citizen. During thirty-four years he served the Erie Railroad Company as an agent, and during ten years previous to that time he was a freight clerk for the same company at Corry, Pennsylvania. In 1873 he was stationed in Union

City as joint agent for the Erie and the Western New York, and Pennsylvania railroad companies, and served in that capacity ten years or until the Western New York was merged with the Pennsylvania Company about the year 1883. From that time until his resignation Mr. Mulkie was the agent for the Erie Company, but during that time he also carried on an extensive wholesale and retail business in coal and mason and builders' supplies, being associated in that capacity at different times with C. L. Reed, S. W. Brown and E. Collopy as partners.

On the 1st of April, 1907, Mr. Mulkie, with his son Roy B., purchased the grist mill which he now operates in connection with his former coal and supply business, and the industry is known as the Union Coal and Supply Company. The mill was built by R. D. Poor and others in 1871, and after operating it as a stock company for six years they sold it to Messrs. Camp, Geiger and Beebe, of Warren, Ohio, who carried on the business up to the date of purchase by Mr. Mulkie and son in 1907. The former capacity of the mill was one hundred and ten barrels of flour and twenty tons of feed per day, but the flouring machinery has since been moved from the mill, and it is now operated solely as a feed mill with the above capacity and contains a sixty horse power engine. Mr. Mulkie served his city as a councilman, and during his administration had the pleasure of seeing a city water plant inaugurated. During 1899 and 1901 he served his district as a member of the state legislature and was a member of the following committees: "legislature appropriations," "railroads," "municipal corporations," "public roads," "geological surveys," and "compare bills," serving on the last named as a chairman. He is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, and affiliates with Eureka Lodge No. 360 of Union City, Columbus Chapter No. 22 of Corry, Clarence Commandery of that place and Zem Zem Shrine of Erie. He is both a past master and past commander of his order.

In 1867 Mr. Mulkie was united in marriage to Miss Sarah S., daughter of W. T. and Cynthia (Scott) Brown, and their two children are Maud and R. B. Mulkie. The daughter is now the wife of Dr. G. E. Humphrey, the resident physician of River Side Hotel, Cambridge Springs, and the son is in partnership with his father. Mr. Mulkie is a member of and an elder in the Presbyterian church.

George Selden was a native of Connecticut, born at Hadlyme, New London county, on September 28, 1790, the son of Samuel and Deborah (Colt) Selden, and was descended from the Seldens who came from England in 1650, settling at Hadlyme. His grandfather, Samuel Selden, organized the first company and was elected colonel of the first regiment equipped by his native county for the Continental army during the war of the Revolution; was wounded and captured and died a prisoner in New York just prior to the evacuation of that city. When about fifteen years of age George Selden entered the mercantile establishment of his uncles, Charles and Joseph D., at Troy, New York. He came to Erie in about 1819, joining his uncle, Judah P. Colt, bringing with him his wife and two sons. He engaged in merchandising on French street near Sixth, which business was continued until 1857.

He was active and prominent in church work, and in 1832 was chosen elder in the First Presbyterian church, a position he held the balance of his life. He was a pioneer in Sunday school work in Erie, and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school of his church.

His death occurred May 23, 1857. On October 14, 1813, Mr. Selden was united in marriage with Elizabeth Grace Card, who was born in Troy, New York, the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Card, who bore him four children. Elizabeth Selden died on September 26, 1827, and on June 12, 1833, Mr. Selden married Emily Marvin, who died in May, 1856, leaving no children.

Charles T. Selden, son of George and Elizabeth (Card) Selden, was born in Troy, New York, August 16, 1815, and died in Erie, April 18, 1825.

Joseph Selden, son of George and Elizabeth (Card) Selden, was born in Troy, New York, August 16, 1817. He engaged in mercantile pursuits in Erie in 1840 with his father, and so continued until his death on January 18, 1852. On April 27, 1841, he married Joanna Lauman, daughter of Hon. Thomas H. Sill, and to their union children were born as follows: George Dudley, Joanna, Emma Josephine and Elizabeth Grace.

Samuel Selden, son of George and Elizabeth (Card) Selden, was born in Erie, July 9, 1821. When a young man he took charge of his uncle Dudley Spencer's plantation interests on the isle of Cuba, and spent several years there. Returning to Erie, he engaged in the manufacture of paper for a time, subsequently taking up fruit culture at Mayside, this county. He possessed inventive genius and perfected and patented several valuable articles, and in 1868 he, with his brother John C. and Matthew Griswold, established the Selden & Griswold Manufacturing Company, of which enterprise he was the guiding spirit, being at the time of his death, June 25, 1882, managing partner. This factory is still in existence under the name of the Griswold Manufacturing Company.

He was married August 12, 1851, to Caroline M., daughter of Dr. C. F. Perkins, of Erie, and to their union the following children were born: Mary L., Caroline E., Edward P., Dr. Charles C., and Samuel F. Samuel Selden was a man of large public spirit; he was active in church and Sabbath school work and for many years was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Erie. He had a prominent part in the Young Men's Christian Association and in establishing the night schools for the benefit of those who could not attend the public schools during the day.

John Card Selden, son of George and Elizabeth (Card) Selden, was born in Erie, November 28, 1825. From 1844 to 1850 he was a clerk in a store in Troy, New York. The latter year he joined his brother George in California, returning to Erie in 1853 and joining his father in the mercantile business, subsequently purchasing the store and changing it from general merchandise to that of hardware and manufacturing supplies, which he continued until 1872. In 1868 he became interested in the establishment of the Selden & Griswold Manufacturing Company. Later, and until his death on May 12, 1888, he was associated with his brother George in the Erie City Iron Works. He was for a number of years a member of the board of water commissioners of Erie. For many years he was connected with the Erie County Bible Society and was long a leading member of the First Presbyterian church of Erie. He was

married February 28, 1855, to Lydia M., daughter of Matthew Griswold Sr., and sister of Hon. Matthew Griswold. To them were born two children—Marion, and Grace Card (wife of Commander Frederick L. Chapin, U. S. N.).

George Selden, son of George and Elizabeth (Card) Selden, was born in Erie, September 26, 1827. He was educated at the Erie Academy and by private study and extensive travel. At the age of seventeen years he decided to see the world, and going to New York, he shipped on board a merchant vessel bound for the East Indies and China, and spent several years on the sea. Returning to Erie he remained here until the gold excitement of 1849, in which year he went out to California, where he spent four years in a fairly successful quest for gold. Returning once more to Erie, he became associated with the late Col. John H. Bliss in the manufacture of petroleum barrels and in other lines of business. In 1864, he and Col. Bliss purchased an interest in the Erie City Iron Works. He made and patented important improvements in steam boilers and saw mill machinery and the success of the Erie City Iron Works was due largely to his inventive genius and to his remarkable ability as a business man and executive. He was president of this gigantic enterprise at the time of his death on November 19, 1893. He was a true "captain of industry." He traveled extensively through the United States, Mexico and Europe and in 1885-6 accomplished the journey westward around the world.

Mr. Selden was united in marriage March 4, 1857, to Anna M., the daughter of Charles Lawton, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. She died in Erie in March, 1871. For many years Mr. Selden was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian church, of which he was a generous supporter. The beautiful chapel of the church was a gift from Mr. Selden, a memorial to his wife. He was a member of the board of trade and of Mt. Olivet Commandery of the order of Masons. He was for years a managing director of the Hamot Hospital and at his death left by bequest a large sum for that worthy institution.

Charles Card Selden, Ph. D., M. D., is a son of Samuel and Caroline (Perkins) Selden. He was born at Mayside, Erie county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1861. In 1868 the family moved to Erie. After attending the public schools in Erie, Charles continued his education at Harvard University for two years and the Universities of Germany for three years. Returning to this country he spent several months at his home and then entered the employ of the New York Tartar Company of Brooklyn, as an expert chemist. After several years in that work, he undertook the study of medicine and surgery at the Long Island Medical College, where he graduated as Doctor of Medicine.

In 1895 he married Gertrude W. Thwing, daughter of Reverend E. P. Thwing, D. D. of Brooklyn. Two years later, in the summer of 1897, Dr. and Mrs. Selden moved to Canton, China, where they now reside. Dr. Selden has for a number of years, been at the head of the John Kerr Refuge, the first, and it is believed the only institution, for the care of the insane patients in the Empire of China. The work under Dr. Selden's supervision has grown from year to year, until now, there are two hundred or more patients constantly cared for. The Refuge is sustained entirely by private subscription, Dr. Selden giving his services free.

While thus engaged in the work for the Chinese, Dr. and Mrs. Selden are mindful of the need of aid in their own and other lands, and contribute largely of their means for the support of schools and missions. Three children have been born to them in China, Samuel, John Kerr, and Mary.

Samuel Fellowes Selden, youngest son of Samuel and Caroline (Perkins) Selden, was born at Mayside, Erie county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1864. In 1868 the family moved to Erie, where Samuel attended the public school, from the primary through to the high school, continuing his studies at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, where he graduated as a civil engineer. Returning to Erie after extended travel in Europe, he engaged in the business of brick-making, with his uncle, John C. Selden, and upon his uncle's death he continued for several years in that business in partnership with his brother Edward.

Mr. Selden married in June, 1894, Miss Sarah L. Carroll, daughter of Mr. George Carroll, of Erie. He became a director in the Erie City Iron Works in 1894 and took an active part in the management of that business until his death, February 22, 1897. Mr. Selden was a man of splendid character, genial and kind disposition, but firm in his adherence to the principles of truth and right. He took an active interest in public affairs and in benevolent and church work, serving for a number of years, as superintendent of the Eastminster Sunday school. His death at the age of thirty-three, in the very prime of his manhood, was a distinct loss to the community. The high esteem in which he was held by his associates, may be inferred from a remark by his pastor, Rev. Herbert C. Ross, D. D., who when conducting the funeral services, said that he would not preach a sermon, as Mr. Selden's whole life had been a sermon.

David Olin was another of the upbuilders of Girard, one of its first and most prominent merchants. He was the proprietor for many years of a general store in the city, carrying on business in a large business block which he erected. He was born in Otsego, New York, February 11, 1814, and after obtaining a common-school education he entered upon his career as a merchant, and that was his occupation until his busy and useful life was ended in death on the 4th of May, 1876. He was always active in church affairs, first as a Presbyterian and later as a member of the Methodist denomination, he having helped very materially in the erection of the church building in Girard. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party.

On the 25th of December, 1844, Mr. Olin was married to Polly M. Hutchinson, but she only survived her marriage a few years, dying on the 15th of June, 1847, and in 1849, on the 17th of September, he married her sister, Eliza Hutchinson who was born February 28, 1828. This union was without issue. Mrs. Olin is one of the oldest living residents of Girard, a woman of a keen, intellectual mind, and loved and honored wherever known, and further than this she is the daughter and widow of two of the most honored early residents of Erie county.

Reverend James Perry Irwin, a retired minister of the Presbyterian church, one of the oldest and best-known men of Erie in religious circles, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Northumberland county, November 13, 1839. He is the son of William Merrill and

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Rachel Patton (Tipton) Irwin, both natives of the state of New Jersey, the former of Scotch-Irish and the latter of English descent. James Irwin's grandfather, William Henry Irwin, came to America from England about 1779, settled in New Jersey, and married Elizabeth Perry, first cousin to Commodore Perry, and from this connection James Perry Irwin received part of his name. His maternal grandfather, Thomas Tipton, a native of Yorkshire, England, came to America during the Revolutionary war. William Merrill Irwin, father of Rev. Mr. Irwin, in early life was a shoe merchant, but after settling in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, he became a farmer, and died there in 1857; his widow died in Sac county, Iowa, several years later, at an advanced age. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. William Merrill and Rachel Patton (Tipton) Irwin had the following children: Richard Merrill, born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1818, married Rebecca Alexander, of Mercer county, and died in Sac county, Iowa, in 1899; Thomas Tipton, born in 1824, in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and died in 1890; he married first Elizabeth Alexander, who died in 1859, and then married for his second wife Matilda Hood; Sarah, died unmarried, in 1859; Eliza, died unmarried, in 1858; Jane D., born in 1828, in Lycoming county, married B. Croy, and now resides at Strothers, Pennsylvania; William Henry, born in 1830 in Northumberland county, married Mary Waugh, and resides in Sac county, Iowa; Robert H., born in 1837, in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, married Harriet Means, and died in 1903; and Reverend James Perry.

James Perry Irwin was reared in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where he attended the common and high schools, and in 1861 entered Washington and Jefferson College, from which he graduated in 1864. Three years later he graduated from the Western Theological Seminary, and was ordained and installed at Canfield, Ohio, as pastor of the Presbyterian church, in 1868; he remained in that city until 1880, when he was installed pastor of the church at Pulaski, Pennsylvania, and remained there until the fall of 1887. He then officiated a year and a half as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Jamestown, Pennsylvania, and in 1888 became connected with the church at Bell Valley, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until the fall of 1895 and then located at Erie, where he has since resided. Since locating in Erie he has been an evangelist, preaching the gospel in various places; he has preached in every Presbyterian, every Baptist, Christian and Disciple church in Erie, and every Methodist church save one. Probably no other minister of the gospel is so well-known, so highly respected or highly honored by so large a number of people as this soldier of the cross, who has spent forty years in spreading religion, and who has never faltered in his duty in the great work to which he dedicated his life and talent. As an orator he is fluent and convincing, as well as earnest and eloquent, and his sincerity is always impressed on his audiences. In his declining years he has the satisfaction of feeling that his life has been lived for the benefit of his fellow-men, that in all the years of his ministerial career he has been actuated not by thought of gain, but in the hope of discharging his duty to humanity and to his Maker.

Reverend Irwin was united in marriage, December 22, 1868, with Nannie Baird Jewell, who was born at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1840, the daughter of James and Martha (French) Jewell. Her father was a native of near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was

engaged in farming, and he served many years as elder of the Old Millers Run Congregation at Cannonsburg, which was one of the oldest Presbyterian Congregations of Western Pennsylvania. To Reverend and Mrs. Irwin but one child has been born, Edgar Willis.

Edgar Willis Irwin was born at Canfield, Ohio, October 20, 1869, was educated in the common schools of the various places where his father had a pastorate, and spent one year in college at Grove City, Pennsylvania, after which he graduated from the Erie Business College. He then became employed as bookkeeper for the Boston Store, of Erie, and later learned railroad telegraphy at Langdon Station on the Pennsylvania & Eastern Railroad. He was first employed as night operator at Ludlow, Pennsylvania, which position he filled about two years and then entered the employ of the P. S. & L. E. Railway, now the Bessemer Railway, where he spent five years as operator and bill clerk. He then embarked in business on his own account, in the line of draying and carting, and in 1906, in partnership with parties from Buffalo, incorporated as the Erie Storage & Carting Company, of which he is President and General Manager. This company is the only one of its kind in Erie, and does an extensive and constantly growing business. Mr. Irwin is recognized as one of Erie's leading and enterprising business men, and he stands high in the respect and esteem of the community. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of its Encampment, Canton and Daughters of Rebekah, of Perry Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of Erie Chamber of Commerce and Erie Business Men's Exchange. He married Linnie Lavine Anderson, daughter of William and Emeline Anderson, of Jamestown, Pennsylvania, and to them have been born two children, Perry Anderson and Roy Lavine.

Hon. A. Elverton Sisson, a leading lawyer of Erie, has been prominent at the bar both as a private practitioner and in his local official relations. He is also an active Republican leader, locally and in a general way, having been twice chairman of the Republican county committee, for two successive terms district attorney of Erie county, and for three successive terms a member of the upper house of the state legislature. Mr. Sisson is a native of Dayton, New York, born on the 12th of January, 1851, being the son of Nathaniel and Salina (Phillips) Sisson. The family is of old English stock, its American founder being Richard Sisson, who was born in 1608 and came to America shortly after the landing of the "Mayflower," settling at Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Later, he became a large land owner at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, and died in the year 1684. The son of this emigrant, James, married Lydia Hathaway, daughter of Arthur and Sarah (Cook) Hathaway, her maternal grandfather, John Cook, and his father, Francis Cook, both being "Mayflower" pilgrims. The grandmother of Mrs. James Sisson, Sarah Warren Cook, was the daughter of Richard Warren, also one of the historic band. Nathaniel Sisson, the great-grandfather of A. Elverton, was a native of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, born November 11, 1756, and died at Queenstown, New York, on the 10th of May, 1840. His wife (nee Grace Gifford) was also a native of that place, born September 16, 1761, and died at Queenstown on the 4th of September, 1843. The grandfather, Benjamin Sisson, born January 22, 1791, was a native of Queenstown, and died in 1874 at Brant, near Buffalo, New York.

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In 1820 the Benjamin Sisson mentioned moved from Queenstown, New York, where his father Nathaniel had settled at the close of the Revolutionary war, and established a home near Buffalo. For many generations the majority of the Sisson family were Quakers, but Benjamin, the grandfather, was debarred from the church, as he had married Sally Ferris, a woman outside the faith. Nathaniel, father of A. E. Sisson, was a farmer and a native of Erie county, New York, born in 1821, his wife (nee Salina Phillips) being born near Glens Falls, New York, in 1819. Mrs. Sisson was a daughter of Samuel D. and Hannah (Wing) Phillips. The Wing family, on the maternal side, was also identified with the Society of Friends, and was long established at Glens Falls and Sandy Hill, New York, whither different members had moved from Plymouth, Barnstable and Bristol counties, Massachusetts, prior to the migration of the Sisson family. In 1854 the father settled in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and five years later moved to Springfield, Erie county, where he died in 1885. His first wife passed away in 1851, the year of the birth of A. E. Sisson, of this sketch.

Mr. Sisson received his education in the common schools of Crawford and Erie counties and at the Kingsville (Ohio) Academy, the West Springfield (Pennsylvania) Academy and the North East (Pennsylvania) Seminary. Admitted to the Erie bar in 1881, he soon established a high position among his fellow attorneys and also early became prominent in Republican politics. In 1885-6 he served as chairman of the county committee; in the following year was elected prosecuting attorney of Erie county and re-elected in 1890, being the first incumbent of that office to serve for two successive terms. In 1900 Mr. Sisson was further honored by election to the state senate and was re-elected in 1904 and 1908, being the first state senator from the Erie district to serve three successive terms. At the conclusion of the session of 1907 he was elected president pro tempore of the senate and re-elected in 1909. During the special session of the senate in 1906 he served as a member of the committee to investigate the state insurance department, and in 1907 served as chairman of the committee on railroads, and was a member of the commission, created at that session, to investigate the frauds in connection with the building and furnishing of the new capitol. He was elected November 2, 1909, by the Republican party, auditor general of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sisson married Miss Lena Spencer, daughter of the late Dr. H. A. Spencer and wife, Julia (Cook) Spencer. She was born in Waterford, Pennsylvania, but moved with her family to Erie in 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Sisson have one child, Spencer Alec, born November 2, 1889.

T. Henry Cogswell. The most satisfactory administration of all grades of government, from local to national, is based on business principles, both as it relates to effective working and honesty. It has therefore long been accepted by the leaders of public polities as a truth settled beyond argument that the thorough, broad business man of unswerving integrity is far more apt to make an ideal public official than the man taken from the ranks of the professions. That, assuredly, has been the experience of the citizens of Erie county in the selection of their sheriff at the election of 1907, when they placed in office T. Henry Cogs-

well, for nearly twenty years one of the most extensive and successful business men of northern Pennsylvania.

Sheriff Cogswell is a native of Warren, Pennsylvania, born on the 29th of April, 1860, and is a son of Samuel M. and Mary (Beck) Cogswell. The mother, who was a native of England, died in September, 1908, while the father, a Connecticut man of an old New England family, is still a resident of Warren engaged in the oil fields as an active producer. When the boy was ten years of age, his parents located at Erie, where he received a public school education. In 1878 the family returned to Warren, and in 1888 T. Henry became a resident of Corry, this county. There, as the senior member of the firm Cogswell, Eaton and Gay, he engaged in the wholesale meat business, whose transactions developed into the most extensive of any similar establishment in that section of Pennsylvania, reaching an annual figure of one million dollars. In 1907, as stated, Mr. Cogswell was returned by the Republicans to the shrievalty of Erie county, and the public has since been more than satisfied with the nature of his administration. The sheriff's personal character is naturally social and fraternal, and he is an active member of numerous secret and benevolent orders, including the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Elks, Royal Arcanum, Maccabees and Moose. His wife was formerly Miss Cora A. Lane, a native of Randolph, New York.

Turner W. Shacklett. The man himself and the prestige he has won as a representative business man and citizen of Erie, entitle Turner Washington Shacklett to consideration in every publication taking recognition of those who have aided in the industrial and civic development and progress of the city. For more than thirty years has Mr. Shacklett been identified with the more important business interests of Erie, and his career has been characterized by broadness and liberality, impregnable integrity, untiring energy and a high sense of his stewardship as one of the world's noble army of workers.

Turner Washington Shacklett reverts with well justified pride to the fact that he is a native of the fine Old Dominion commonwealth, in which was cradled so much of our national history. He was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, on the 10th of August, 1848, and is a son of George Washington and Lucy (Morris) Shacklett, representatives of fine old families of the Old Dominion. In the agnatic line the genealogy is traced back to French-Huguenot origin, and the founders of the Shacklett family in America were of this historic stock, whose representatives were compelled to flee from France to escape the persecutions incidental to the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The parents of Mr. Shacklett continued their residence in Virginia until their death, the father dying in November 1861, aged 52 years, while the mother lived to the ripe old age of eighty-seven and died in March, 1901. George W. Shacklett was a Henry Clay Whig in his political adherency and in 1860 he supported Bell and Everett, the nominees of that party for president and vice-president of the United States, but when Virginia seceded from the Union and the Civil war was precipitated upon a divided nation, he remained loyal to his native state and to the institutions under whose influence he had been reared, and he thus cast in his lot with the Confederacy, in whose cause two of his sons sacrificed their lives, Sewall, having been killed at Williamsburg, Virginia, when but nineteen years of age, and Edward, having lost his life in the sanguinary battle of Gettysburg, when twenty-three years old.

Turner W. Shacklett secured his early education in private schools and the Piedmont Academy, at that time a well ordered institution of learning in his native state. The Civil war left the family impoverished, and thus the subject of this review found it incumbent upon him to face the battle of life, single-handed and alone, and with only a few dollars in his pocket. On the 1st of February, 1868, shortly before attaining to the age of twenty years, he came from Virginia to the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of assuming the position of traveling salesman for a wholesale dry-goods and notion house which had been founded many years before by relatives of his family. With this concern he continued to be identified for seven years, at the expiration of which the business was closed out.

On the 1st of April, 1875, Mr. Shacklett took up his residence in Erie, where he became actively interested in the Erie pail factory, whose business had been permitted to run down to a low standard. Through his energy, judgment and marked executive ability, was accomplished much of the work by which the institution was placed upon a paying basis and became one of the most important industrial enterprises of the city. To the interests of this concern he gave his time and attention for a quarter of a century, and then, after a second disastrous fire had visited the plant, the business was absorbed by the western association of woodenware factories. Since that time Mr. Shacklett has continued business under the title of the Erie Pail Factory, the goods being furnished to him by the association mentioned and Erie being made one of the leading distributing centers. In addition to being manager of this business he is president of the Odin Stove Company, vice-president of the Williams Tool Company, and a stockholder, in each of the Erie Manufacturing & Supply Company, the Colby Piano Company, and the First National Bank, of which last mentioned institution he is a director.

As a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, Mr. Shacklett is well known as an earnest and devoted churchman, and he has been actively identified with both parish and parochial affairs since taking up his abode in Erie. He and his wife are identified with the parish of St. Paul's church, and he was superintedent of its Sunday school for nearly a quarter of a century. In 1883 he was elected a member of the vestry, and after serving nine years as clerk of this body he was elected junior warden, of which office he has been incumbent since 1896. He is licensed as a lay reader, and as such frequently conducts the liturgical services of the church when emergency arises. Since 1900 he has been treasurer of the board of missions of the diocese of Pittsburgh, and in 1907 he was a delegate to the General Convention of the church, at Richmond, Virginia,—one of the most notable occasions in the history of the church in America. In the support of the various collateral benevolences of the church he is liberal, and, intrinsically the friend of humanity, he finds it in his heart to be mindful of "all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate."

In his political allegiance Mr. Shacklett is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, in whose faith he was reared. In April, 1890, he was elected to represent the First ward of Erie in the select council, in which he served two years, at the expiration of which he was re-elected for the full term of four years, but he soon afterward resigned to accept appointment by the court as a member of the board of water commissioners, in which office he served three terms of three years each. After an

interim of one year he was again called to official service, since, in 1901, he was elected school director from the First ward. At the expiration of his term he was re-elected and served for a second term of three years, but he voluntarily retired from this office on the 1st of June, 1907, after having served as president of the board during the last year. In 1904 he received the nomination of his party for representative in the state legislature, but declined the honor. He has been identified with the Erie Board of Trade for a full quarter of a century, and was president of the same for the fiscal year 1907-8.

Mr. Shacklett is affiliated with Lake Shore Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and with Keystone Council, Royal Arcanum. He holds membership in the Erie Humane Society, the Elmwood Home Association, the Country Club, the Kennel Club, the Erie County Bird Club, and the Erie Singing Society. Mr. Shacklett has long been prominent in musical circles, and is a basso of marked ability, possessing a well trained voice of splendid timbre. In connection with the society last mentioned he has appeared in many public concerts, recitals, operatic performances, oratorios, etc. It may be noted that he has thus interpreted the roles of "Sir Joseph Porter," in "Pinafore;" "John Wellington Wells," in "The Sorcerer;" the "King," in "Belshazzer," besides many other characters. He has sung at nearly two hundred funerals, and is ever ready to accord his services in utilizing the fine singing voice which has been vouchsafed to him. It is needles to say that Mr. and Mrs. Shacklett are prominent and popular in the best social life of the community, nor that their attractive home is a center of gracious and refined hospitality.

The multiplicity of business cares and the exacting duties of public office have not prevented Mr. Shacklett from indulging his tastes as a nature lover and his flower garden which he personally attends and which contains many of the native plants of this section and have been gathered on his tours of exploration, is noted for its beauty and simple attractiveness, while as an enthusiastic member of the Erie County Bird Club his interest in and knowledge of the feathered tribe is an inspiration to his fellow-members.

On Christmas day of the centennial year, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Shacklett to Miss Ida Adams, daughter of the late Dr. John A. Adams, a distinguished physician of Virginia and a lifelong friend of the Shacklett family. Mr. and Mrs. Shacklett have had no children of their own but have reared and educated two daughters of his sister, Mrs. H. Clay Barbee, of Delaplane, Virginia, who is his only near relative living. These foster children are Misses Eva Preston and Lucy Turner Barbee, the former being a trained nurse and graduate of the New York Hospital, New York, in which city she now practices her profession.

Emery E. Kirkland. Long a familiar and respected figure in the hotel field of Girard and an honored citizen of that city, Emery E. Kirkland has passed his life in the community which has given him a clear record. He was born December 8, 1864, son of Hosea Kirkland, a brave soldier in the Civil war and a respected merchant of Erie county. The family is Scotch as far as the records run, James Kirkland, paternal grandfather being a native of the ancestral land who settled in Girard township at a very early day and built a house in the old Scotch way

which stands to this day. The father was a butcher by trade and was always in the meat business, his chief locations being at Girard and Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. In the early and struggling days of bluff Dan Rice, before his circus venture had spread far beyond Pennsylvania, Mr. Kirkland was the chief meat purveyor to animals and men. In 1872 he located at Sharpsville and opened a market, which he conducted for five years, then selling his business and returning to Girard. Mr. Kirkland served in the Union army as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and as a result of exposure and hard campaigning contracted a disease from which he eventually died in February, 1882, aged fifty-eight. To the last he was an interested member of the Grand Army post at Girard. His widow died August 28, 1909, being in her eighty-third year, and of the children born to her two are living—Elwilda, who is now the wife of F. Russell, a citizen of Girard; and Emery E.

Emery E. Kirkland was educated in the Girard schools and accomplished his first practical work as an employe of the Wrench Factory, pleasing the management so well that he continued to hold this position for nine years. Since leaving that concern he has been identified with the local hotel business, as clerk or manager, and has also been connected with other lines of business and enterprise. Mr. Kirkland is married to Eunice Saunders, born May 14, 1869, and daughter of Perry and Amanda (Hart) Saunders, her father being an Erie county pioneer of substantial standing. The one child born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland was Frank, who died in infancy.

George Taylor was born on the farm on which he now resides, and he is a member of a family whose name is indelibly engraved on the pages of the history of Erie county from its earily pioneer settlement. Isaac Taylor Sr., his grandfather, made the trip from Massachusetts to Erie county on horseback in 1817, and stopping at Edinboro, he walked from here to what is now Cleveland, Ohio, to look over the land there, but not being pleased with the outlook he returned on foot to Washington township and purchased a farm from Andrew Culbertson a mile and a half southeast of Edinboro. Returning then to Massachusetts for his family he came back with them in 1818, the trip, made with ox teams and leading two cows, consuming six weeks, and they took up their abode on the farm which the husband and father had purchased the year previously. There he spent the remainder of his life and died on the 11th of May, 1849, while his wife survived only until the following year. In one of the rooms of their first log cabin was conducted the first school ever held in this part of the county, this being in the year of 1819, but shortly afterward a log school house was built on their property. He was a captain of militia in Massachusetts during the war of 1812, and he was well known and highly respected both at his home there and in Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church and both lie buried in the Edinboro cemetery. He was a son of Abram and Molly (Leland) Taylor, and she was a daughter of Moses Leland, prominent citizen in Worcester county, Massachusetts. Their union was blessed by the following children: Flora, Polly, Fanny, Sally and Isaac R., all born in Massachusetts.

Isaac R., a son of Isaac and Hettie (Gay) Taylor, was born February 25, 1813, in Franklin county, Massachusetts, and was but five

years of age when brought by his parents to Washington township. In his youth he obtained a limited educational training, and remaining on the farm with his parents until 1877 he then moved to Edinboro and built a beautiful large brick residence on Meadville street. He was one of the early school teachers of Washington township, was also a surveyor and did much work in that line in this section of the county, and he later became interested in a flour mill, a planing mill, a pump factory and attended to his farm. He was one of the public spirited residents of this city who donated land for the erection of the state normal school here, and it can be truthfully said of him that it was largely through his interest, influence and devoted work that this educational institution was secured for Edinboro. He took an active interest in all matters pertaining to education, and was always ready with his influence and means to help any worthy object and was regarded as one of the community's most influential residents. He was one of the organizers of the Edinboro Savings Bank and was for ten years its president, was a leader of the Democratic party in this section of Erie county and was a justice of the peace from 1850 to 1860. Mr. Taylor married on the 2d of November, 1837, Eleanor, a daughter of Jobe and Nancy (Campbell) Reeder, another of the prominent early families of Erie county, and they are mentioned elsewhere in this work. The following children were born of this union: Dr. I. N. Taylor, a practicing physician of Meadville; John Milton, who was killed on the 2d of July, 1863, at the battles of Gettysburg, a member of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Vernice, deceased; Jobe, who was the manager of the Pump Manufacturing Company, and he died in 1871; George, mentioned below; Oliver E., an attorney who died in the year of 1881; James B., who was preparing for the university at the time of his death in 1877; Joseph, who resides on a part of the old Taylor homestead; and Effie E., the widow of Francis Wade and a resident of Edinboro. Mr. Taylor, the father, died in November of 1890, and his wife survived until 1894. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and for over twenty years was its ruling elder. During the last two years of his life he served as a justice of the peace.

George Taylor remained on the home farm and helped with its work until he was twenty years of age, and then spending a short time in Memphis, Tennessee, he worked for others at farm labor for twelve years. Returning then to Erie county he located on a part of the old Taylor homestead, where he has since been engaged in general farming and dairying. He married on December 9, 1884, Miss E. J. Morford, of Mercer county, this state, and they have one son, Paul. Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Universalist church. In his political affiliations Mr. Taylor is a Democrat.

Jeremiah Sturgeon. The name of Sturgeon is known throughout Erie county, for here Jeremiah Sturgeon passed his entire life, and here also his father, Jeremiah Sturgeon, Sr., lived for many years. He was one of the first settlers of Fairview, which in the early days was called Sturgeonville in his honor, and he was also one of the earliest of the pioneers of Erie county, enduring the many privations and hardships which were the inevitable concomitants, and during the first six weeks here he was obliged to subsist entirely upon boiled wheat. He later returned to Lancaster, his former home, but after

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a short time came again to Fairview and he spent the remainder of his life here.

Jeremiah Sturgeon, his son, was born in this village in February of 1817, and throughout his entire life he continued one of its most earnest supporters and leading citizens, honored and revered wherever known. He married Miss Catherine McCreary, a member of another of the well known families of Erie county. She was born in Millcreek township of this county in November, 1818, a daughter of Thomas McCreary, who came to Erie county from Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and located in Millcreek. They became the parents of Jeremiah Albert, a well known farmer who died in 1904, and Anna E., who lives with her sister, Jane M., and resides in Fairview. Mr. Sturgeon was a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian church, as well as of all moral, educational and social interests, an earnest worker for the benefit of humanity. He was a Democrat.

Mr. George R. McCreary, who is a resident of Michigan, was born in Erie county January 18, 1839. He was educated in the common schools and is a farmer. He served two years and nine months and twenty-one days in the One hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was in twenty battles. He is independent in politics.

Phineas Dunham Miles represents one of the very earliest families of Erie county, and the name which he bears is indelibly traced on the history of its pages from early colonial days to the present. William Miles, his grandfather, was both a farmer and surveyor, and it was as a member of a surveying party under David Watts that he first came to Erie county. In 1795 he brought his family here, the family making the journey on horseback, and his son James, a babe of two and a half years, and his little daughter Marion were each put in large bags and thus suspended one on each side of a horse. To Mrs. Miles belonged the honor of being the first white woman in the county. The family located in what is now Union City, where William Miles farmed and followed surveying, and also with pack horses brought in provisions from Pittsburg to the early settlers. In those early days he built mills to grind their corn and on one occasion with two or three others he walked the entire distance to Pittsburg to vote for one of the early governors. Both he and his wife now lie buried at Girard Cemetery.

James Miles, a son of this honored early pioneer of Erie county, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and his wife, nee Eliza Dunham, was born possibly in Crawford county. In 1828 he left his parents' home and located on a farm at the mouth of Elk creek in Girard township, and there he spent the remainder of his life as an agriculturist, his death occurring in March of 1868. His political affiliations were with the Whig party, and he at one time served as one of the commissioners of Erie county. He was also associate judge of his county, and held many of the township offices. Mrs. Miles preceded her husband a few years to the home beyond, and both lie buried in Girard Cemetery. In their family were the following children: Mary J., deceased; Phineas Dunham, mentioned below; Julia Maria, who married John H. Hall and resides in North Girard; William W., who was killed in the Civil war; Zeruah M., who is deceased; John F., whose home is in Springfield town-

ship, Erie county; and Eliza R., the wife of A. S. M. Morgan, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Phineas D. Miles was born February 17, 1833, in the frame house which sheltered the family for many years, and his educational training was received in the primitive log school houses which marked the beginning of the splendid educational system of Erie county, and this training was later continued in the academy at Girard. Farming has been his life occupation, but in 1893 he retired from the work and has since made his home in North Girard. He married a native daughter of Springfield township, Miss Nancy Dixon, January 19, 1859, and their three children are Charles W., Clara and Henry Dixon, all at home with their parents excepting the son Henry D., whose home is in Buffalo, New York, and who married Alice Dunbar and has two children: Mildred D. and James D. Mr. Miles votes with the Republican party, and his wife and daughter Clara are members of the Episcopal church in North Girard.

Durward W. Tanner is one of the most progressive and successful of the Venango township agriculturists, and he is also one of its native born sons, his birth occurring August 28, 1858. In its schools he received his educational training, and early in life he took up the work of a teacher, but his principal occupation has been the tilling of the soil, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful and he now owns and occupies a valuable estate of one hundred and thirty acres, which is devoted mainly to dairy purposes. He has a fine herd of eighteen cows.

Mr. Tanner is the son of Morgan B. Tanner and a grandson on the paternal side of William and Lydia (Foster) Tanner. William Tanner in his day was a large land owner, owning an estate of about two hundred acres, and he was a man of considerable means and importance in his community. His children were James, Morgan, Amos, Lydia, Jane and Mary. Morgan B. Tanner was born in Washington county, New York, in August, 1824, and he was married in New York state to Electa Whitney, who was born in September, 1824. They came to Erie county about the year of 1839, and their home was thereafter in Venango township. Mr. Tanner was one of the early school teachers of this township, and he was a man of learning and influence, and was also a mechanic and farmer. He served nine months in the Civil war in the 168th Pennsylvania Regiment, Company T, and six months in Company E, 118th Pennsylvania Calvary. He was an enthusiastic member of Gen. H. L. Brown Post, G. A. R., department of Pennsylvania. He was very patriotic and some of the most pleasant hours of his life were spent with his war comrades. He was sixty-seven years at the time of his death and was buried by the members of the Grand Army post. He died on the 8th of July, 1891, at at his home in Venango township, which place had been his home for fifty years.

His wife, Electa (Whitney) Tanner, was born in the town of Mina, Chautauqua county, New York, September 7, 1824. She was one of twelve children and was wedded to Morgan B. Tanner on her twentieth birthday, September 7, 1844, and they began housekeeping in a small house which used to stand near where Cassius Turner now lives. Mr. Tanner being called to the war when it first broke out and again toward the close, this placed the arduous duties of caring for a family of six young children wholly upon Mrs. Tanner, but she bore the burden faithfully. She was a dutiful mother, a Christian who consistently and thoughtfully read her Bible, a neighbor respected by all. She survived

until the 5th of August, 1903. Their family numbered the following children: Emma, Ellen, Matilda, Lucinda, Lydia, Durward W. and Alice; but Lucinda, Lydia and Alice are deceased.

Durward W. Tanner married December 1, 1892, Miss Carrie, a daughter of Thomas McDowell, and they have a daughter, Mary E. She is a student in Wattsburg high school. Mrs. Tanner was born in Vermont January 1857. During six years Mr. Tanner has been honored with the office of school director. He is a member of the Grange, and he and his family are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wattsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Tanner is a Republican.

Sheridan T. Hamilton. A man of mechanical ingenuity and talent, Sheridan T. Hamilton has wisely taken every offered opportunity for developing his natural tastes, and in his special line of work has achieved deserved success, as a contractor for the Shreve Chair Company, in Union City, holding a responsible position. A son of Leroy Hamilton, he was born in Belmont, Allegany county, New York, July 29, 1874, and was there brought up and educated. Leroy Hamilton married Isabelle Mickle, whose father, G. Mickle, served as a soldier in the Civil war, and it is said, though it is a doubtful fact, that he likewise took part in the War of 1812. Three children were born of their union, namely: J. L., who served in the Spanish-American war, and is now engaged in business in Union City; Jessie B., wife of T. L. Manley; and Sheridan T., of this biographical sketch.

Beginning the battle of life for himself when a lad of fifteen years, Sheridan T. Hamilton put forth his best endeavors, laboring diligently and perseveringly to obtain such a knowledge of mechanics as should enable him to develop his latent talents, and for the past seventeen years he has been employed as a chair maker. For six years he has occupied his present position as a contractor for the Shreve Chair Company, in Union City, his special work being to get the chair ready for the filler. His original contract called for more work than he is now doing, but finding it too laborious for him it has since been diminished about one half. Mr. Hamilton has eleven men under his supervision, and they turn out eighteen hundred chairs each day while the mill turns out thirty-five hundred chairs in ten hours, a seemingly immense supply for one firm.

On August 1, 1893, Mr. Hamilton married Bertha E., daughter of John and Susan Cupples, prominent residents of Union township, where her birth occurred September 27, 1875. Further ancestral history of her family may be found elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the sketch of Curt Cupples. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, namely: Marjorie M., deceased; and Leon L. Mr. Hamilton belongs to the Coleman Hose Company, and is also a member of the patriotic society known as the Sons of Veterans. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are both connected by membership with the Baptist church of Union City. They have a beautiful and attractive home on South street, and there delight to entertain their large circle of friends and acquaintances, greeting each and every one with hearty hospitality.

Curt Cupples. A young man of mechanical ability and skill, Curt Cupples, of Union City, is actively identified with its manufacturing industry as a contractor for the Shreve Chair Company, with which he has been associated since 1906. A son of John Cupples, he was born on a farm in Union township, Erie county, in 1873, and was there bred,

receiving his education in the district schools. John Cupples was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active life, being a resident of Erie county until his death. He married Susan Middleton, who was born in Erie county, while he was a native of Ireland. Six children blessed their union, as follows: Verna, now Mrs. Hatch; Jennie; Middleton; Iris, with whom Mrs. Cupples resides, married C. C. Rice; Bertha E., wife of S. T. Hamilton, of whom a brief sketch appears on another page of this work; and Curt.

When ready to begin life as a wage-earner, Curt Cupples entered the Hatch Broom Factory, in which he worked steadily for four years. He was subsequently engaged in the livery business for a short time, but not finding the occupation congenial to his tastes, he accepted his present position with the Shreve Chair Company in 1906, and, with the assistance of the eight men in his employ, assumes the charge of getting the arms of the chairs ready for the finisher.

Mr. Cupples married Emma Duncombe, a daughter of John T. Duncombe, and they have one child, Mildred Cupples, born in 1908. The Duncombe family was prominent in the early annals of Erie county, the first of the name to settle in this section of the state having been Dr. Duncombe, a pioneer physician. Dr. Duncombe married Mary Bennett, and they became the parents of five children, as follows: Mary, Elizabeth, Wilbur F., John T., and Charles. John T. Duncombe bore arms in defense of the Union during the Civil war, enlisting first in Company C, Fourth New York Heavy Artillery, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment re-enlisted, and served until the cessation of hostilities. During one of the later engagements of the war, he was taken by the enemy, and confined for many months in either Libby or Andersonville, the prisoners in both places suffering untold horrors. When finally released, and honorably discharged from the service, he was so broken in health that for a time his recovery was doubtful. But he lived for many years an honored and respected citizen.

To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Grant, two children were born, Charles W. and Emma, wife of Mr. Cupples. Eliza Grant was a daughter of Charles Grant, who served in the War of 1812, and her grandfather, great-grandfather of Mrs. Cupples, was Rev. Isaac Grant, a Methodist minister, who fought bravely in the Revolutionary war, doing his duty as faithfully and willingly on the field of conflict as in the pulpit. He belonged to a family noted for its patriotism, being a son of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, the soldier-president of the United States for eight years.

G. A. Auer. Prominently identified with the industrial resources of Union City, is G. A. Auer, an experienced and skilful engineer, now in charge of the power house of the Union City Chair Company. He is a man of more than average ability and intelligence, a close student of both books and men, and is well endowed with the energy, enterprise and push that invariably command success in any line of business. A son of the late C. A. Auer, he was born, January 13, 1858, in Licking county, Ohio, but was brought up and educated in Corry, Pennsylvania.

C. A. Auer was born in Germany, and died, in 1899, in Corry. A thorough-going German business man, his capacity to grasp an idea, and then to develop it into a practical and tangible reality was striking. He was a tanner by trade, thoroughly versed in its arts in every department. After spending some years in Ohio, he came, in 1863, to Pennsylvania,

locating in Corry, where, in 1864, he built a tannery, the capacity of which was one thousand sides per week. He subsequently enlarged his plant, increasing its capacity to fifteen hundred sides a week, and continued its operations until 1871, when he sold out at an advantage. With characteristic enterprise, he soon erected another tannery, with a capacity for six hundred sides per week, in this tanning upper and harness leather, only. This he managed with success and profit until 1889, when he met with a great disaster, being entirely burned out, and sustaining a complete loss of $35,000. This misfortune falling upon him when he was well advanced in years, so crippled him financially that he never rebuilt, but lived retired the remainder of his years.

An intelligent observer of men and events, he accumulated a vast fund of general information and useful knowledge, from which he could at any time draw for his own gratification, or for the enlightenment of others, making him a most congenial companion and friend. Liberal and charitable, he was one of the originators, and heavy stockholders, of the organization that purchased the Corry Cemetery, not for profit, but that it might be resold to would-be purchasers at a nominal price. He was influential in local affairs, and was elected at least five times as councilman. He was a consistent and worthy member of the German Lutheran church, and belonged to various social organizations, including the Knights of Honor, the Independent Order of Foresters, and the Harugari, a German society. He married Christine Raus, a native of Germany, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: C. A., a currier in Corry; Harry, of Corry, an insurance agent; Mrs. Clara M. Osborne and Mrs. Emma Dean, both of Corry; Mrs. Rose Horn, of Baltimore; G. A., of this sketch; F. P., of Buffalo, New York; and W. R., of Erie.

After the burning of his father's tannery, in 1889, G. A. Auer found himself thrown upon his own resources, but his previous experience in the tannery made him comparatively independent, his acquired mechanical knowledge having fitted him for positions of trust and responsibility. Immediately beginning his career as an engineer, he remained for a number of years in Warren county, first having charge for two years of a stationary engine for the Torpedo Lumber Company, and being similarly employed another two years with L. B. Wood, in Grand Valley. Subsequently returning to Corry, Mr. Auer was for five years engineer in the plant of Weisser Brothers. Removing to Union City in 1903, he has since had full charge of the power house of the Union City Chair Company. His engine is three hundred and fifty horse-power, with an electric generator of three hundred and forty-five horse-power. The engine, constructed in Erie, is of the Skinner make, and the electric outfit is of the Crooker & Wheeler design, both standard manufactures. Mr. Auer married Miss Emma De Etta McIntire, and to them three children have been born, namely: Boyd, Maud, and Ethel.

E. B. Smith, M. D. One of the most successful of the practicing physicians and surgeons of Union City is Dr. E. B. Smith, who has been identified with its professional life since 1883, the year following his graduation from the Cleveland Homeopathic College. Since the year of 1896 he has practiced in partnership with Dr. H. L. Stem, a graduate of the same institution and another of the successful physicians of Union City.

Dr. Smith was born in Spartansburg, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in 1858, but he was reared and educated in Townsville of that county, and there laid the foundation for his future successful professional career. He is identified with both the State and County Homeopathic Medical associations, and is a member of the fraternal order of Knights of Pythias.

HARRY J. SEAMAN is an electrical engineer in Union City, and since 1905 has been in entire charge of the Union City Electric Light, Heat and Power plant. This plant, installed in 1890, is equipped with a two hundred horse-power Skinner automatic engine, a one eighty horse-power Skinner automatic engine, two sixty K. W. eleven hundred volt Warren alternators, one sixty K. W. Westinghouse alternator, and the output of the plant is one hundred K. W. And besides his superintendency of this large plant Mr. Seaman is an electrical contractor and installs and equips electrical plants, a skilled mechanic and an experienced electrician and thoroughly competent for his responsible position.

Born at North East in Erie county, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1872, he is a son of Melvin J. and Hattie A. (Graham) Seaman, both of whom were also born at North East, and his grandfather on the maternal side was in his day one of the most prominent residents of that community, a very wealthy man and a large lender of money. In the family of Melvin J. and Hattie A. Seaman were three sons, Fred M., B. F. and Harry J., all electrical engineers of prominence. Harry J. Seaman received his educational training in Buffalo, New York, where he was also reared, and by his marriage to Miss Mabel O. Ferguson he has two children, Arville V. and Melvin J. He is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 66 F. & A. M., and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

G. W. CLAYTON. The proprietor of the Ideal Cigar Store on Main street, G. W. Clayton, is a well known business man in Union City. He has been at this location during the past four years, and in that time has built up a large patronage, while at the same time his store has increased in popularity and value and now contains a stock amounting to three thousand dollars, including six billiard tables. His stock of cigars and tobacco is of the choicest and finest brands, and the establishment is all that its name implies, an "Ideal Store."

Mr. Clayton was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1875, a son of Joseph R. and Ann Clayton. Joseph R. Clayton carried on his trade of shoemaking in Union City until the time of his death on the 13th of January, 1908, and of his family of nine children seven grew to years of maturity, namely: J. R., J. W., B. R., Mrs. Sarah Palmer and G. W., all of whom reside in Union City; Mrs. Etta Davis and Mrs. Christine Riley, of Youngstown, Ohio. G. W. Clayton came with his parents to Union City in 1887, and here completed the educational training which had been begun in his native town of Warren. Going from here to Youngstown, Ohio, he was a motorman on one of the lines running out of that city and also on a line from Niles, that state, and by close application to business and by strict economy he was soon able to return to Union City and start in business for himself. Besides his costly and well appointed store he owns a splendid home on Main street, surrounded by nine acres of land. On February, 22, 1900, Mr. Clayton was married to Miss Lillian

Sessions, of this city, and their only child is George Myron born June 7, 1909.

Frank W. Beemer. One of the most valuable and attractive of the farm homesteads of Le Boeuf township in Erie county is owned and operated by Frank W. Beemer. This is a fertile and highly improved dairy farm of one hundred and seventy acres, and was formerly the property of George W. Brooks. In his pastures Mr. Beemer keeps a large herd of finely graded stock, and the milk is converted into cheese, for which he finds a ready sale at the highest market value.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on the 18th of April, 1879, Mr. Beemer was educated there, but his young life was spent on a farm near that city, up to the year of 1899, when he moved to Erie county, Pennsylvania, the former home of his mother. His parents were Sylvanus and Rose (Anderson) Beemer, natives respectively of the state of Michigan and of Erie county, Pennsylvania. In 1890 Frank W. Beemer was united in marriage to Ruth H., a daughter of Stephen B. and Eliza J. (Carroll) Brooks, of Le Bœuf township, and the children of this union are Lyle F. and Lula. Mrs. Beemer was born in Le Bœuf township in 1880, and on the maternal side she is descended from one of the first settlers of Union township in Erie county, and she was one of the following children: Ashley, Cassius, Charles S., Phebe A., Archibald W., Elverdo C., William W., George G. and Ruth.

Ferdinand Carroll, her maternal great-grandfather, was born in the north of Ireland in 1751, and on attaining the age of twenty-four he was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Johnston, to whom twelve children were born, but three of the number died when young. In the spring of 1801 the family bade adieu to home and native land, embarking from Dublin for New York, and at that time Samuel, the eldest of the children, was twenty-five years of age, and Isabella, the youngest, was but a babe of two years, and she died on the voyage. They were eight weeks in making their way across the ocean, and finally landing at New Castle, Delaware, instead of their intended port of New York. They soon set out for Chillicothe, Ohio, but during their westward journey they were told that that location was not healthful, and they accordingly headed for Meadville in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and thence to Union township, where Ferdinand Carroll finally purchased from Andrew Halsey the right of settlement and improvements on tract one hundred and fifty-nine, the consideration being thirty dollars in gold. The family with all their earthly possessions were moved from Pittsburg to their new home in Union township on horseback, and their first little cabin he built of poles and christened the home "Castle Halsey." Not long after this he procured a clear title to one hundred acres, and this he subsequently deeded to his son William, who became the grandfather of Mrs. Beemer. This purchase was made in the year of 1801, when Ferdinand was fifty years of age, and his family then consisted of nine living children: Samuel, George, Phoebe, Jane, Betsey, Mary, James, Thomas and William. Ferdinand, the father, died on February 1, 1831, at the good old age of eighty years, and his wife died in September of 183—, aged seventy. Samuel the first born of his children, died on the 28th of January, 1836, leaving no issue.

George Carroll, the second born, purchased a farm ten miles below Union City, and he became the father of these children: John, James, Mary, Isabella, Margaret and Hannah. John, of this family, lived near

his father's old homestead, and had eight children, Frank, Sophia, John, Charles, Maria, Albert and Alfred, twins, and Emma.

James Carroll, the third son of Ferdinand and Isabella Carroll, located near the west line of Union township, and there he died at the age of fifty-four, the father of fifteen children.

Thomas Carroll, the fourth born son of Ferdinand, also settled near the west line of Union township, and he became the father of nine children and died at the age of sixty-four years. Wesley, his eldest son, located on a farm which his father had given him, and in his family were seven children. He died at the age of sixty-four years in 1879. Jonathan M. Carroll, the fourth born of the seven children of Wesley and Phoebe (Organ) Carroll, was born at the old homestead October 2, 1855, and he married Olive, a daughter of Levi and Mary (Shelmandine) Barns, who bore him two children, Clarence E. and Winnifred. Fletcher S. Carroll, the next born of the children of Wesley and Phoebe Carroll, was born November 27, 1858, and married Alice, a daughter of Levi C. and Mary (Shelmandine) Barns, and they had three children, Wayne, Alta M. and Mabel. O. W. Carroll, the next son of Wesley, was born July 6, 1860, and he married Jennie, a daughter of David Carroll, of Cleveland, Ohio, on September 15, 1886. The children of this union are Elsie, Rees and Clifford and Clifton, twins. Jonathan G. Carroll, another of the nine children of Thomas, lives on a part of the old Carroll homestead, and is the father of two sons, Solomon and Rees, and three daughters, Jane, Isabella and Margaret.

William Carroll, the youngest son of Ferdinand and Isabella Carroll, married Hannah Slauson in 1820, and their ten children were: James, Lucy, Mary A., Lucille, Esther, Charles S., David, George W., Esther and Eliza Jane. Esther married G. W. Brooks, and had two sons, Glennie and George C., deceased. Eliza Jane married S. B. Brooks, and the names of their seven children are given above with the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Beemer.

Of the daughters of Ferdinand and Isabella Carroll: Phebe married Daniel Middleton, of Waterford township, Erie county; Jane married Jonathan Carroll, of Mercer county, Pennsylvania; Betsey married John Richards, of Brady's Bend, this state; and Mary never married. Mr. Beemer is a Republican and he and wife are members of Union City Grange No. 89.

The Coleman Hose Company, of Union City, organized for the saving and protection of life and property, is an organization of which that city may well be proud. This company was organized in 1883, with charter members as follows: F. A. Deming, F. E. McLean, E. B. Landsrath, J. Macock, G. W. Brakeman, Joseph Kaufman, W. Mandonsa, George Eason, G. D. Alden, Harry Laive, Harry Cheney, Edward Waters, Samuel Gordon, George Smith, Lewis Clark, A. E. Mallory, E. Ford, Ed Kaufman, George Palmer, Glen Pratt, Omer Alden, M. E. Bean, Dick Woods, Ernest Caflish, C. M. Johnson, E. B. Mackay, F. Woodcock, Mott Allen, Lewis Palmer, and John France; of this number, F. E. McLean, George Palmer, and Mott Allen are still (1909) members. In 1908 the company was incorporated, with officers as follows: President, F. M. Carle; vice president, D. A. Post; recording secretary, K. N. Pier; financial secretary, C. Z. Smiley; treasurer, George LeFever; and foreman, C. Z. Smiley. Their board of directors comprised the following: George H. Palmer, C. Z. Smiley, C. R. McLean, F. E. Waters, M. C. Brown, and George LeFever. The company now consists of one hundred

and nine active members, and holds the world's record in two hundred fifty yard hose race, having in 1904, at the Fireman's Tournament held at Erie, made the run, unlimbered their hose and attached same to the hydrant ready for the play of water, in thirty-two seconds. Their running team of fifteen members keeps in excellent condition and training. At the tournament above mentioned, which was attended from all parts of Pennsylvania, this company took prizes amounting to more than $700.

The Coleman Hose Company not only furnish training for their members, but have commodious quarters on Main street, where their rooms are furnished with unusual elegance and taste for an organization of the kind. Their parlor is a very large and comfortable room, elegantly furnished, their office and meeting rooms clean and neat, and furnished with cabinets in which are displayed relics, trophies and curios from different parts of the world; the kitchen and dining room are furnished with the most modern and sanitary appliances and furnishings, and furnish the members of the society a place of refreshment which is greatly appreciated after a fight with fire, especially when the weather is cold and inclement.

The society has a code of laws for its government, which is strictly adhered to by all the members, making an organization which is formed on sure foundations, and giving an example of harmony and unity of which the members may well feel proud. The property owned by the company amounts to some twenty-five hundred dollars, and their uniform is pale blue with white trimmings. During the year 1906 their headquarters were visited by 662 persons.

Harrison F. Watson. A publication of this nature exercises its most important function when it gives recognition, through proper memorial tribute, to the life and labors of such honored and useful citizens as was the late Harrison F. Watson. An enormous amount of vital strength has been used in building up the city of Erie, and this dynamic or energizing force has been applied by men of energy, acumen and progressive ideas, with the result that the industrial prestige of the city has reached splendid proportions. Among the citizens of this character Mr. Watson occupied a conspicuous position, and upon the civic and commercial life of this section of the state he left a beneficent and lasting impress.

Mr. Watson was a representative of one of the old and sterling families of the Keystone state and was born on a farm near the city of Mercer, Mercer county, this state, December 5, 1853. He was a son of Robert W. and Amanda (Painter) Watson, both of whom were likewise natives of Pennsylvania, where the respective families were founded in an early period. Mr. Watson was afforded excellent educational advantages in his youth, as, after completing the curriculum of the public schools, he continued his studies under the direction of able private instructors, in the city of Pittsburg. In 1874, soon after attaining to his legal majority, Mr. Watson took up his residence in the city of Erie, where he engaged in the manufacture of coal-tar products. Three years later, while still continuing in the line of enterprise noted, he also turned his attention to the manufacture of paper, in which connection his first mill was located in Fairview township, not far distant from the city of Erie. This mill was destroyed by fire in 1883 and was not rebuilt. In the meanwhile, however, in 1881, he had erected a paper mill in Erie, and this he operated in connection with his distillery and chemical works, devoted to the manufacture

of coal-tar products. Under his effective direction the dual enterprise was developed into one of the most extensive industries in this section of the state, and at the time of his death the plant of the concern was one of the largest and best equipped in the county, where it occupied the entire block on Sixteenth street between French and Holland streets, with a depth of two hundred and thirty feet. About 1903 the chemical department was removed to a new plant at the foot of Sassafras street, on the Lake front, and is now one of the largest in the county. In 1894 Mr. Watson effected the organization of the Erie Dock & Transportation Company, of which he was thereafter president until his death, which occurred on the 10th of November, 1904.

In all that makes for worthy citizenship and for productive usefulness in connection with the practical activities of life, Mr. Watson stood as a high type, and to him should ever be given a tribute of honor for what he accomplished. Measured by its beneficence, its rectitude, its productiveness, its unconscious altruism and its material success, his life counted for good in all its relations, and it is but due that this brief memoir be entered in a work that has to do with the city and county to whose civic and industrial advancement he so liberally contributed. He never sought the great white light of publicity, but was ready to encourage and aid all worthy movements and enterprises. He gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, and was identified with various social and fraternal organizations.

On the 25th of October, 1877, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Watson to Miss Carrie T. Tracy, daughter of the late J. Avery Tracy, one of Erie's most honored and influential citizens. Mr. Watson is survived by one daughter Winefred T. and his widow who still maintains her home in the beautiful residence in Erie, where practically her entire life has been passed and where she has been prominent in the best social life of the community. One daughter Gertrude L. died aged eight years and nine months.

Mr. Watson was a man who read much, was unusually well informed, a devoted lover of literature, music and the arts in general, and was a capable judge of the same.

Dr. Charles L. Mead has the distinction of being one of the oldest dental practitioners in Union City and the acknowledged leader in the ranks of the fraternity here. The doctor was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in 1873, a son of L. C. and Elizabeth Mead. The father, a man highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, was a manufacturer of cheese and followed other lines of dairying. The son was reared and received his elementary education in the county of his birth, and later entering the Cambridge Springs School he was graduated from that institution in 1892. Next he matriculated in the State University of Iowa, and graduating from its dental department with the degree of D. D. S. in 1896 he at once came to Union City and prominently identified himself with its professional life. He is a member of the Lake Erie, the Erie and the Pennsylvania State Dental societies, and he also has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias. On the 27th of October, 1898, Dr. Mead was happily married to Miss Wilma W., a daughter of Solomon and Margaret Coup.

McLean Brothers, owners, proprietors and publishers of the Union City *Times,* have a paper which has gained wide circulation. The mem-

bers of this firm, F. E. and J. C. McLean, are sons of Lewis H. and Mary E. (Lamphier) McLean; Mary Lamphier was born in Steuben county, New York. F. E. McLean was born in Le Bœuf township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1850, and J. C. McLean was born in Union township, Erie county, January 6, 1861. They were of Scotch-Irish extraction; their grandfather, George McLean, married Elizabeth Sebring, of Dutch descent, in 1847, and the following year they removed to Le Boeuf township from Steuben county, New York. George and Elizabeth McLean had eleven children, namely: Daniel, Edwin, Lewis, Chandler, John, Ansel, Joan, Deborah, Darzilla and Jane. The father was a well-to-do and industrious farmer, and owned a farm of three hundred acres. All the children lived to become parents themselves. John was a soldier in the Civil war. Lewis McLean was born in 1848, and learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked for many years. In 1870, he removed to Union City, where he held several offices, among them, assessor, street commissioner, and constable. His children were: Charles A., George H., deceased, the two brothers previously mentioned, and others who died young.

In 1871 F. E. McLean was nominee of the Democratic party in Erie county for assembly, being defeated by a small majority, although running ahead of the ticket. He served five times as chairman of the Erie County Democratic committee, and was also member of the State Executive committee. In July, 1887, he was delegate to the Democratic convention, in Chicago. He also served as mercantile appraiser for the county. In August, 1887, he was one of the delegates from Pennsylvania to the National Editorial Association, which met at Detroit, Michigan. He has also served as chief burgess, and as councilman. He was private secretary to the member of congress from this, the twenty-sixth district, during the years 1900 and 1901. He was also delegate again in 1909 and this convention was held at Seattle, Washington. He is a member of the following organizations: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Protected Home Circle, Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Royal Arcanum and Patrons of Husbandry. F. E. McLean married, in 1870, Lucinda, daughter of John and Mary Cottrell, and to them have been born three children, only one of whom is living, Bessie W.

J. C. McLean served as postmaster under Cleveland's Administration, and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace. He served his borough several years as secretary. He has also served as mercantile appraiser of the county. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Independent Order of Red Men, Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum. He married Flora O., daughter of Calvin and Orphia Starrett, and they had four children, of whom two are living, Calvin R. and Mabel G.

The Union City *Times* is the outgrowth of the Union Mills *Bulletin,* started in 1865, by William C. Jackson. The following year the paper was purchased by Pratt & Burrington, who changed the name to the *Star,* and published same for two years, after which they moved to Corry, and the *Star* was merged with the *Republican.* In 1870, the *Times* appeared, printed for about two years in the *Despatch* office, at Erie, by Robert Troup, who then took into partnership J. E. Locke, and in 1872 the paper began to be issued at Union City. H. D. Pearsons and L. B. Thompson purchased the office in 1873. Six months later Mr. Thompson retired from the firm and in 1874 Mr. Pearsons and W. F. Richards formed a partnership, though they soon dissolved this partnership, and

Mr. Pearsons continued editing the paper until the spring of 1875. In 1875 the *Times,* of Union City, was removed to Erie, and merged into the *Argus,* which, however, soon failed, and August 12, 1875, the *Times* was again established in Union City. In 1877 the enterprise was purchased by Dr. D. P. Robbins, who the next year sold it to F. E. McLean. In 1879 Mr. McLean took into partnership W. A. Moore, who sold his interest the following year to A. F. Moses, who in turn sold it a year later, to J. C. McLean and W. G. LeFevre. The firm was then known as the Times Publishing Company. In May, 1882, F. E. and J. C. McLean became sole proprietors, and now have a semi-weekly circulation of seventeen hundred copies, and by their industry and untiring energy have improved their methods and plant to a great extent, and now put into circulation a paper that is a credit to themselves and to the city. The proprietors are both men of good education and business acumen, and are enterprising and progressive, striving to give the people of Union City a paper that is first-class in all respects.

The J. F. Kamerer Company. One of the most important of the industrial interests of Union City as well as of Erie county is the J. F. Kamerer Company, which has gained a wide reputation as lumber manufacturers and owners of a large saw mill and turning mill in Union City. The plant was established by J. F. Kamerer in 1890, and just recently, in 1908, the mill was remodeled by the present owners, M. H., Fred J. and S. E. Kamerer, wife and sons of the founder. It is now one of the finest shops of its size in Union City, and covering three-fourths of an acre of ground it is operated by two sixty-five horse-power engines and furnishes employment to fifteen operatives.

The founder of the company, J. F. Kamerer, was a native son of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he was born on the 4th of April, 1839, to John and Dorothy (Breakley) Kamerer. In 1847 the family came from their native Fatherland to the United States, and choosing McKean county, Pennsylvania, as their place of settlement, they became useful and well known residents there, and there also Jacob F. received the educational training which fitted him for his future life of usefulness. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1861, when the oil excitement in Cananda caused him to migrate in that direction and for two years he was an oil operator there. Returning to the States in 1861, when the clash of arms was being distinctly heard from north to south, he cheerfully responded to the call of the federal government and enlisted as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served in his command well and faithfully until the expiration of his term of service. Then again taking up the peaceful walks of life, he in 1864 resumed his speculation in oil, this time at Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, and in 1865 he went to Fayette county, this state, and engaged in drilling oil wells. But this proving an unsatisfactory venture he returned north and locating in Union City became identified with the contracting and building business, while in 1872 he began the manufacture of lumber, shingles and broom handles, and soon turned his attention exclusively to the latter industry.

Jacob F. Kamerer was twice married, first to Miss Eliza M. Johnson on August 4, 1864, but she died in 1874, leaving two children, Fred J. and Addie. For his second wife he married Miss Margaret H. McIntire, to whom one son, S. E., was born. These two sons and their mother took up the father's mantle where he laid it down on the 8th of

January, 1901. He was a good man and worthy citizen, and was an honorable member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its encampment, and at one time served his order as a noble grand, and also as D. D. G. M. Officially he was chief burgess of his borough two terms, and also a member of the school board.

Fred J. Kamerer married Miss Addie Hodges on October 26, 1887, and their two children are Donald and Herold. S. E. Kamerer married on the 25th of January, 1898, Etta, a daughter of H. M. McLallen. Both brothers are members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Fred J. Kamerer has served his city as a councilman and in other offices. The families are members respectively of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

G. L. SUNDERLIN is numbered among the rising young business men of Union City, and is the efficient manager of the large dry goods store of Oliver and Milne, being in full control of their entire establishment and looking after both the buying and selling. The firm consists of A. Oliver, the president, J. S. Milne, the vice president, and C. L. Carr, the secretary and treasurer. The business was established on the 4th of April, 1908, and in addition to their Union City store they have another establishment in Batavia, New York, and Mr. Oliver also has a store under his own personal supervision in Buffalo, that state.

Mr. Sunderlin was born in Wayne, Steuben county, New York, in 1876, a son of D. J. and Emma L. Sunderlin, also from Steuben county. After receiving his education in the schools of Keuka and in the Dundee high school, New York, he entered upon his business career as a clerk in a country grocery store at Keuka, receiving two dollars and a half a week, and from there he went to West Tyrone, New York, and received employment at twelve dollars a month. Returning in the following summer to Dundee, New York, he entered upon a more responsible position at a larger salary, but still ambitious he became an employe of C. P. McLean with nearly a double increase in wages, and during his three years connection with Mr. McLean his salary was raised from $26 to $32.50 a month. Moving from there to Watkins, New York, he entered upon his connection with the dry goods merchant, J. B. Morris, but he had been with that gentleman but a short time when one of his competitors, recognizing in Mr. Sunderlin a good and reliable salesman, offered him a position with an increase in salary. But before accepting Mr. Sunderlin in a straightforward manner related to his employer the entire transaction with the result that Mr. Morris retained his services at an increase of salary, offering him $600 a year. Mr. Sunderlin continued in that position for three years, and then going to Elmira, New York, he entered the store of Danks and Eastgate at a salary of $13 a week, and during his connection with that establishment had charge of its linen department. His next location was at Penn Yan, New York, where he was employed by T. O. Hamlin and Company, dealers in dry goods, crockery and wall paper, at his former salary, he having made that move to be near his wife's home, and he remained in that establishment for five years in charge of their linen, knit goods and waists. Coming at the close of that period to Union City he has since been the efficient manager of Oliver and Milne's large dry goods store.

On the 8th of May, 1902, Mr. Sunderlin was united in marriage to Miss Edith Mae, a daughter of Edmond Crosby, of Crosby, New York, and their two children are Dorothea C. and Ruth L. Mr. and Mrs. Sunderlin are members of the Baptist church.

Charles W. Hayes, an enterprising and progressive business man of Union City, is senior partner of the Hayes Carriage and Hardware Company, Limited, dealers in hardware and carriages. Mr. Hayes was born in 1861 at Waterford, Erie county, and is a son of Sylvester M. Hayes, who was formerly a hardware merchant associated with his sons, F. L. and Charles W. Hayes. F. L. Hayes subsequently withdrew from the business, of which Charles W. and H. P. Hayes became sole proprietors. Mr. Hayes, of this sketch, received his education in Union City and was employed as a skilled mechanic before embarking in his business career. Among the several firms by whom he was employed may be mentioned the American Rocker Company.

The origin of the present business of the Hayes Carriage and Hardware Company, Limited, was the stock carried by Mr. Culbeson, of Waterford. This was purchased and business was inaugurated under the firm name of Boland and Hayes, this partnership continuing for a year. On May 15, 1888, the establishment was bought by S. M. Hayes and Sons, and the business was conducted by them until January, 1894, when, by the destruction of the store by fire, the firm suffered a loss of seven thousand dollars. In April, 1895, the remaining stock was purchased by J. Canfield, the proceeds of its sale being applied to satisfy the outstanding debts of the company. Mr. Canfield carried on the business about a year, when it was purchased by the present firm, which has since successfully conducted it with a capital stock of more than twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Hayes, the head of the company, is highly respected wherever he is known and has spent a large portion of his life in active business. It is true he has served one term as an officer of the city board of health, but his close application to mercantile matters has debarred him from activity in political or public matters.

In December, 1888, he married Miss Helen P. Canfield, of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and to them have been born three daughters, Lucile, Kitty and Imogene Hayes. Mr. Hayes is a Democrat politically and also a member of Clement Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 220; Ninevah Encampment, No. 248; Canton Union No. 10; and he is past captain of the Canton.

C. J. Mahoney, a prominent and well-known insurance broker, of Union City, was born August 18, 1865, in McKean county, Pennsylvania, and is the son of James and Ellen (Doyle) Mahoney, the former a farmer, living at Mercer county, Pennsylvania. C. J. Mahoney received his education in his native county, supplemented by study in more advanced institutions. Much of his life was spent in the lumber manufacturing business. In 1906 he removed to Erie, where he established himself in the insurance line, covering fire, accident, liability, plate glass and bonding, and he represents twenty companies of the highest standing in the United States. By his careful attention to the interests of his customers, and his honest and straightforward methods, he has built up a large and prosperous business. He is a man of considerable natural ability, and is an agreeable person to deal with, one who has

made a careful study of his vocation, and thoroughly understands business principles.

Mr. Mahoney is an earnest member of the Baptist church of Union City. He belongs to the Masonic orders of the city, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Encampment. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Union City, and takes an active interest in the improvement of the city. Mr. Mahoney married, in 1883, Harriet Minnick, and they were blessed with four children, of whom three are living, namely: Guy C., Ruth J. and Grant W.

L. J. Treat, now living retired in Union City, is one of the city's reliable and stanch residents who by his own industry and economy has hewed out for himself an enviable reputation and an independent fortune. From a small beginning in his youth and without the many advantages of the present twentieth century young man, he has achieved almost phenomenal success and at the same time has been of inestimable value to his city and community.

Mr. Treat was born in Oneida county, New York, April 12, 1828, where he received a common-school training, and from there in 1871 he came to Union City, Pennsylvania, and embarked in the gentlemen's furnishing business. Thus for many years he was identified with the city's business interests, each year adding to his experience and extending his interests until his establshment became one of the leading stores of its kind in Union City. But in 1902 he sold his interests therein to his two sons, G. H. and A. B. Treat, who are following in the footsteps of their father as progressive business men. L. J. Treat during twelve successive years has been honored with the office of school director.

He was happily married in 1866 to Miss Adelia R. Broadwell, and their children are as follows: George H., A. B., W. B., H. L., J. P., Ruth L. and Myra L. Only three of the sons are living in Union City, two who have succeeded their father in business and George H., who is a member of the Union City chair factory. The family are worthy members of the Baptist church. Mr. Treat having joined that church in 1871, during thirty-seven years he has served it faithfully and well being a trustee and treasurer.

Burton W. Middleton is prominently identified with the business interests of Union City as a member of the firm of the Universal Chair Company. He is a member of a family that traces its history back to the earliest settlement of Erie county. Andrew Middleton, his great-grandfather, came with his wife and children from their native land of Ireland to the United States in the year of 1827, establishing their home on French creek in Erie county, and there he purchased one hundred acres of land. His children, named as follows, William, Samuel, John, Andrew, George, James, Hugh, Jane, Charlotte and Eleanor, were all born in Ireland with the exception of the youngest, whose birth occurred after their settlement in Erie county.

Of this number Andrew II became the grandfather of Burton W. Middleton. He was born in Ireland in 1815, and was a boy of twelve at the time of the emigration of his parents. He married Mary Ormsby, from Vermont, and their union resulted in the birth of five children: Charles, P. A., J. W., Truelon and Sophia, but one of the number, Charles, is deceased. Charles Middleton, who died in the year of 1881,

was the father of Burton W., and he was born in Waterford township of Erie county. His wife, before marriage Rachel Kemmerer, was a native daughter of Germany, and their children were as follows: Leon G., Dorothy, Frank (deceased), James, Burton W., Frederick C. and Floyd P.

Burton W. Middleton was born in Waterford township, Erie county, on May 22, 1873, and he was reared and received his educational training there. Coming to Union City in the year of 1889, he has since been prominently identified with its interests, and he is well known in its business circles through his connection with the Universal Chair Company, one of the most important of its industries. This company was organized in the year of 1908 with E. B. Landsrath and Burton W. Middleton as owners, and their works now cover one-fourth an acre with a capacity of thirty dozen chairs daily, and they furnish constant employment to sixty men. The chief characteristic of this large factory is that it manufactures only the best quality of genuine guaranteed quartered oak. Mr. Middleton is a practical chair maker, having been identified with this line of work throughout his entire business career, and he is building up the industry to large and important proportions.

In the year of 1897 he was united in marriage to Miss Annell Parsons, who was born in Union township in 1876, a daughter of John and Catherine (Lilly) Parsons. Two children have been born of their union, Paul F., in 1900, and Catherine L., in 1903. Mr. Middleton is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum, and at one time he served his city well and honorably as a member of its council.

William L. Fuller is one of the most prominent of the business men of Union City and of Erie county. He was born in this city in 1866 to Rulaf Fuller, who came to Erie county in 1863 and here during many years he was well known as a cooper. In the public schools of Union City William L. Fuller fitted himself for the prominent place he was destined to fill in industrial circles, and ten years of his early life were spent in the hardware business and a similar period as a grocery merchant. In 1884 his present industry, the Novelty Wood Work Company, was organized, and in 1900 it was incorporated. C. H. Fuller is president and William L. Fuller is secretary and treasurer. Their plant covers an area of five acres and is operated by an engine of eighty horse-power, the plant being valued at eighty thousand dollars. This extensive concern furnishes employment to one hundred operatives and turns out a splendid line of folding desks, cabinets and other articles of a similar nature. But besides attending to the many pressing duties of this mammoth enterprise Mr. Fuller is also a director in the First National Bank of Union City, and a director and the treasurer of the Union City Electric Light Company.

He married Miss Anna Hipple, and a son, George R., has been born to bless their union. Mr. Fuller is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 366, F. &. A. M., in which he is a past master, and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Union City. His religious home is in the Presbyterian church, and he is serving at present as one of its trustees.

Charles H. Eastman is one of the most prominent of the manufacturers of Union City and is the sole owner of the Variety Wood

THE BIRTHPLACE OF MRS. C. C. PARKER

RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. C. C. PARKER

Turning Works, which was established in 1900 and which furnishes employment to thirty men. The factory is equipped with a fifty horsepower steam engine, and the buildings cover a space of one hundred and twenty-five by two hundred feet. Mr. Eastman has been identified with this line of work since his school days, and though in close competition with men of maturer years and greater experience he is able to more than hold his own and is sure of greater successes in the future.

Mr. Eastman is a native son of Union City, born on the 20th of March, 1872, a son of H. W. and Lizzie (Parker) Eastman, in whose family were the following children,—Frank, Lillian, Nellie and Charles H. H. W. Eastman came to this city from Chicago, and he was identified with the business interests of Union City as a cooper for thirty-eight years and more, but on account of ill health is now living retired. Mrs. Eastman was born in Chautauqua county, New York, in 1846, and her father, Avery Parker, came to Erie county in the following year, where he was a successful agriculturist for many years. His wife was before marriage Harriet Stanford, and of their six children four are now living, but Mrs. Eastman and Mrs. Alice McCrey are the only ones residing in this county.

Charles H. Eastman married in 1901 Miss Esther Royer. In February, 1909, he was elected to the common council from the First ward.

Cassius C. Parker was born on the farm on which he now resides and which he owns, a valuable and well improved homestead in Summit township. His natal day was the 23d of June, 1845, and he is a son of Ora and Emily (Martin) Parker, the father born at Barry, Vermont, in 1810, and the mother in Mill Creek township, Erie county. The paternal grandparents were Jonas and Amanda (Allen) Parker who came from Vermont and located in Mill Creek township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, in the year of 1814, buying a farm of one hundred and sixty acres there, and this they cleared and improved and it remained their home during the rest of their lives. On the maternal side Mr. Parker is a grandson of Andrew and Margaret (Clark) Martin, the mother a native of Ireland. They came to Mill Creek township in Erie county in the year of 1800, buying a farm there of sixty acres, which they also cleared and improved, and it was their home until death. Ora Parker, the father, was educated in the schools near his boyhood's home, and in later life he accumulated the one hundred and fifty acres of land which now forms the homestead of his son, and he followed agriculture there until his life's labors were ended in death. To him and his wife were born the following children: Sophia J. (deceased), Cassius C., David C. (deceased), Emily F. (deceased), Ora F. and Jonas A.

Cassius C. Parker has spent his entire life in Summit township, receiving his educational training in its public schools, and throughout his mature years he has been an agriculturist, farming the one hundred and twenty-five acres which forms the old Parker homestead in Summit township.

He married, October 20, 1901, Miss Serena J. Robison, a daughter of King and Margaret J. (King) Robison. The father was born near Londonderry, Ireland, June, 1811, and mother in Belford, Ireland, May, 1818, and both are now deceased, the father dying March 28, 1901, and the mother December 5, 1888. On the paternal side Mrs. Parker is a granddaughter of William and Jane (Ewing) Robison. He died in Ireland, and in 1822 his widow came to the United States with her family

and located in Mill Creek township, Erie county, Pennsylvania. Her son King later came to Summit township, where he accumulated one hundred and ninety acres of land and which was his home during the remainder of his life and the birthplace of Mrs. C. C. Parker. The Robison farm is now occupied by the son George S. Robison. Mrs. Parker on the maternal side is a granddaughter of James and Elizabeth (McConnell) King, from Ireland and Scotland respectively. The grandfather fled from Ireland to Scotland during a period of persecution there, and was married in Scotland, and a little later came with his wife to the United States and to Buffalo, New York, in 1827, but after a short time there he came to Waterford township, Erie county, Pennsylvania. There he bought a little farm of sixty acres, and the remainder of his life was devoted to its cultivation and improvement. To Mr. and Mrs. King Robison were born six children, two sons and four daughters as follows: Serena J., Mrs. Parker; Margaret L. died in 1865; Irene, a resident of Summit township; W. Pressley, a farmer, and residing in Summit township; Maria S.; E. Matilda, wife of William Alexander, a resident of Franklin; George S. married and now owns and occupies the farm which belonged to his father, King Robison.

Mr. Parker is a Prohibitionist in his political views and he has served his township as a road commissioner and as assessor, and is now serving his third term as its auditor. Mrs. Parker is a member of the United Presbyterian church.

Caflish Brothers in the business world have achieved a remarkable success, for from a small and unpromising start in life as wood cutters at from twenty-five to forty cents a cord, which was paid them by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, they have steadily and persistently climbed the ladder of success, step by step, until they have reached a place of prominence in industrial circles. Among their prominent holdings is the saw, planing and grist mill at Union City. This mill, then containing but the saw and planing departments, was built by Peter Thompson in 1870, and he was succeeded in ownership by William Hunter. After five years he sold to Brunstetter and Bently, who operated it for two years, and during a similar period following it was under the management of Brunstetter and Company. It was finally purchased by its present owners, the Caflish Brothers, who have greatly enlarged the enterprise and have added the grist department.

In addition to this property they also own two other saw mills, one at Springboro in Crawford county and one at Wattsburg, the latter operated by Caflish Brothers and the former operated under the name of the Beaver Lumber Company. The mill as Springboro is a massive structure, forty feet wide by one hundred and thirty feet long, two stories high, while its capacity is from thirty to fifty thousand feet every ten hours. The saws used are of the latest improved make, endless or band saws, and seventy-five operatives are employed in its operation, and in order to supply the mill with logs and to faciliate its output a ten mile railroad has been laid running into the timber tract. The Caflish Brothers also conduct a wholesale lumber yard in Jamestown, New York, where they are at the head of a large business in their line, and they are also stockholders in the Jamestown Mantle Company. As individuals J. C. Caflish is a director in that company and at the present time president of the Union City Chair Company. The firm have large holdings in the Adirondack Mountains, consisting of fifty-two thousand

acres of land, which is in itself a vast fortune, and they are stockholders and directors in the First National Bank of Union City. A. L. Caflish has served Union City as a member of its council.

The brothers were born in Chautauqua county, New York, J. C. Caflish in 1858 and A. L. in 1862, and in 1863 they were brought to Erie county, Pennsylvania, by their parents, John and Adaline Caflish. The father was by trade a tanner, but he later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He too served Union City as a councilman, and he was at one time the vice president of the National Bank of Union City. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Caflish numbered eleven children, and the following are living: Fred, E. L., E. G., J. C., A. L., W. M. and John A. They are all in the lumber business and are prominent and well known business men.

J. C. Caflish married Miss Margaret Goodrich on November 1, 1883, and they have had two children, Dora and Jacob C., but the daughter is deceased. A. L. Caflish on the 17th of March, 1887, married Miss Matilda Maurer, and their children are Margaret B., Alfred W., John M., Gertrude L., Gladys L. and Mabel A.

Harry B. Randall. The Union City Chair Company, of Union City, Pennsylvania, is especially fortunate in having among its employes a man of such intelligence, ability and integrity as Harry B. Randall, who has served as a foreman for this firm during the past thirteen years. He is not only a skilled mechanic, versed in every branch of the art, but possesses great ingenuity and inventive talent of a high order, one of his inventions, which he has patented, having, practically, revolutionized to a great extent the work of his department. Mr. Randall has entire charge of the first floor of the chair company's plant, and, with the assistance of his force of sixty men, saws the plank, which he receives from the lumber dealer, planes and turns it, preparing it for the sandpapering room, where the material from which the chairs are manufactured passes through the next process of construction.

When Mr. Randall entered the factory, rockers for chairs were marked, and then sawed out by the mark, a tedious and necessarily imperfect process. Seeing the necessity of turning out better work, and of competing more easily with other manufacturers, Mr. Randall put his inventive faculties to work in earnest, with the result that he soon had in operation a machine that would saw out rockers more rapidly, accurately, cheaper, and better than any before used. This machine, which he has patented, consists of a curved track, which clamps the plank, and saws the curved rocker, at one continuous feed, the principle being modeled on that of the old log carriage, but being simplified and curved. The machine can be detached, and another device applied, or the saw can be used for plain work. Not content with this useful invention, Mr. Randall has invented another device which greatly facilitates the formation of chair seats, and will be of great benefit to the company.

A son of G. A. Randall, Harry B. Randall was born, August 28, 1868, in Crawford county, Pennsylvania. G. A. Randall was also born in 1846, in Crawford county, and during the earlier years of his active career was sucessfully employed in the lumber business. Removing to Ohio in 1901, he has since been engaged in the laundry business in Ashtabula. His wife, whose maiden name was Juliet Bump, was born in Rockdale, Crawford county, in 1850, not far from Hayfield, his birthplace. Three children were born of their union, namely: Harry

B., the subject of this sketch; Albert C.; and Mary E., wife of O. H. Taylor of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Harry B. Randall married, June 3, 1896, Lillian D. McIntire, who was born in Corry, August 9, 1872, a daughter of Andrew and Addie McIntire. Mr. and Mrs. Randall have two children, namely: Clarissa A., born April 21, 1897, and Harold G., born January 10, 1899.

Clark C. Rice was formerly the efficient editor of the Union City *Evening Enterprise*, a semi-weekly paper which enjoys a wide circulation. The first issue of this journal was published in 1906, on the 24th of May, and it continued on as a daily until the 11th of March, 1907, when it was changed to its present form of a semi-weekly. The Union City *Evening Enterprise* was organized on September 29, 1906, as a stock company with fourteen stockholders and a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, while its first editor was H. W. Palmer, and he was succeeded by Morris Duncan, formerly editor of the Wattsburg *Sentinel*, which was later absorbed by the *Enterprise*. Mr. Duncan was succeeded in turn by F. W. Dillon, and he by its present editor, Clark C. Rice. On the 15th of October, 1908, the company was reorganized, and on the 26th of December, following, the Enterprise Company was formed by A. B. Boyd, its president and manager; C. C. Rice, its treasurer and editor; W. E. Everson, its secretary, and two others, the three first named having the controlling interest. In politics the journal is independent.

Clark C. Rice was born in Union township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1871, and is the only child of John W. and Hannah (Doyle) Rice. The Rice family was the first family to settle at what is now known as Riceville in Crawford county. The father died in the year 1881. The son grew to years of maturity on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the schools of Union City and in Professor Luce's Business College in this city, and he also spent two years in a high school in Creighton, Nebraska. During the nine years following his marriage he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and then coming to Union City entered the employ of one of the chair company's manufactories. After one year there he turned his attention to the livery business, and after four years in that vocation he entered the employ of the Shreve Company, where he filled various offices and remained until 1908, the year he accepted the editor's chair with the Union City *Evening Enterprise*. He served two terms as a member of the township's school board, and from 1906 to 1909 was a member of the Union City council.

On the 16th of March, 1893, Mr. Rice was married to Iris, a daughter of John and Susan (Middleton) Cupples, and their two children are Lawrence J. and Blanche M. Mr. Rice is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 220, and of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 315, and also of the Union City Grange. He is chancellor commander of his lodge at Union City. He is a Prohibitionist and takes high grounds on the subject of temperance. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church in Union City.

Pettibone Family. The first of the name in Erie county was Titus Pettibone, who came here from Genesee county, New York, although his birth had occurred in Connecticut. His wife, Cynthia Gridley, a member of the well known Gridley family, was also born in Connecticut, and it was just following their marriage that they came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, and took up land just north of the village of

Girard. This was in the early and formative period of 1832. There they lived and died. He was at one time captain of the home militia, and he was active in the underground railroad just preceding and during the Civil war, thus aiding many a refugee to freedom. His death occurred in the year of 1865, at the age of seventy-one, and his wife survived until 1875, dying at the age of eighty years. Their union was blessed by the birth of seven sons, as follows: Henry, born September 15, 1813, died September 21, 1887; William, born April 14, 1816, died June 22, 1886; Isaac; Eli; James, who was a captain during the Civil war; and Charles, who served as a private in that conflict. The four younger sons were farmers and lived and died in Erie county. Titus Pettibone and his wife were earnest and devout members of the Baptist church, active and efficient in its work.

Riley Pettibone, a son of Titus, the pioneer, was born September 8, 1825, and during his early manhood he worked in plaster mills, but leaving the mills he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and was a farmer during the remainder of his life. He married first Mary M. Hall, a daughter of Benjamin Hall, who is mentioned on other pages of this work. His wife Mary was a daughter of Patrick and Ellen (O'Connor) Ward, who came to this country from Ireland and lived for a time in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. From there they came to Erie county in about 1800 and located on what is now the Lake road. The farm which they secured at that time remained in the same name until the present year, when a portion of it was sold. Patrick Ward lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and six years, and both he and his wife were laid to rest in the Girard cemetery. Mrs. Pettibone died in 1866, after becoming the mother of the following children: Alice, who was born April 1, 1850; Myron C., born February 1, 1853, married Arria Taylor, and died October 30, 1881; Sarah C., born July 16, 1855, is the widow of Granger Moorehouse and resides in North Girard, the mother of two daughters, Ethel and Susie; George R., born August 11, 1857, is a farmer near Platea, Pennsylvania; Ella M., born February 11, 1859, died on the 11th of May, following; Bennie, born January 28, 1860, died November 14, 1861; Anna M., born May 15, 1862, resides at North Girard; and Ulysses J., born July 1, 1864, died August 14, 1866. The wife and mother of these children died in 1866, and Mr. Pettibone was a second time married, this time to Miss Mary Cook, but this wife is also deceased, having died in 1905. Their two children were Mary S. and Clara Gertrude. The elder was born November 15, 1867, and died July 15, 1891, and the younger, born July 29, 1874, died in 1905. Riley Pettibone after a long and useful life answered the call to the home beyond in 1905. Both he and his wife were devout members of the Methodist church, and his political affiliations were first with the Republican party, but later he was a Prohibitionist and took a firm stand on the subject of temperance.

The Seeley Family is another of the old and honored ones in Erie county, and its founder was Austin Seeley, who came here from Otsego county, New York, about 1819. His home was first near Elk Creek, adjoining Lake street, but later he bought land on the east side of Lake street in what is now North Girard. When the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad was completed to this point he donated the land for its depot and also the railroad park, and he was the first station agent for the company. In many ways he aided materially in

the upbuilding and advancement of his new home, and his name is prominently recorded on the pages of Erie county's early and formative history. Born in 1779, he lived to the good old age of eighty-six, dying in 1865, and he now lies buried in the Girard cemetery.

Mr. Seeley married, in the state of New York, Phoebe R. Allen, and their children are as follows: Samuel A., born November 2, 1822, died in 1876; William A., born March 18, 1824, died November 3, 1907; Esther M., born November 27, 1825, died April 22, 1868; Susanna M., born July 4, 1827, died November 28, 1845; Lucy A., born June 23, 1831, died May 13, 1893; and Erwin, born February 18, 1841, is the only surviving member of this once large family and his home is in Iowa.

William A. Seeley, the second son of Austin, was born March 18, 1824, and after receiving the common school education of the early days he became identified with railroad work, and during thirty-six years was in the employ of the Michigan Southern Company, serving as the station agent here during eighteen years of that time. During his early life he was a farmer and lived with his father. His first marriage was to Miss Charlotte Lawrence on the 1st of March, 1846, but she died in July of 1847, leaving one son, Eugene A., born January 16, 1847, and who died August 8, 1861. On March 24, 1868, Mr. Seeley married Mariva A. Robertson, born May 30, 1830, and she died on the 12th of March, 1890, without issue. His third marriage was to Miss Alice Pettibone on November 26, 1890. She was born on April 1, 1850, and her home is now in North Girard. Mr. Seeley died on the 3d of November, 1907, after a long and useful life and as a faithful and earnest member of the Christian church. He now lies buried in the cemetery at Girard, the resting place of many another brave and faithful early resident of Erie county. He was in politics a Republican.

Levi Jones. Many of the earlier settlers of Erie county were of New England birth and breeding, inheriting from their honored ancestors the honesty, integrity, and habits of industry and thrift that made them most worthy of becoming the founders of new and prosperous settlements on the frontier. Levi Jones, a life-long resident of Connecticut, born there September 23, 1749, and dying in 1807, was the father of three of the pioneers of this part of Pennsylvania, Jeremiah Jones, Levi Jones, and Abijah Jones, all of whom settled in Greenfield township, Erie county, in 1820.

Levi Jones Jr., one of these stalwart sons, was born in Connecticut, December 1, 1780, and came here with his family among its earlier pioneers. Taking up one hundred acres of heavily timbered land, he cleared and improved a good homestead, on which he resided until his death, November 3, 1859. He married Susannah Goodenough, who was born in Connecticut, September 16, 1782, and died in Greenfield township, Erie county, March 17, 1864. Their children were as follows: Polly, born September 29, 1803; Willard, born in 1805; Ira, born in 1807; William, born in 1809; Bela H., born in 1811; David A., born in 1813; Buel, born in 1817; and Clarissa, born in 1822.

Abijah Jones, born in Connecticut March 3, 1792, came with his brothers to Erie county, and took up one hundred acres of land in Greenfield township, and from the wilderness reclaimed a good farm. Here he lived and died, his death occurring March 4, 1880. On December 25, 1811, he married Clarissa Howard, who died in 1854, leaving

three children, namely: Levi, born in 1812; Mahalah, born in 1815; and Clorinda, born in 1817.

Jeremiah Jones, second son of Levi Jones, of Connecticut, was born in that state in 1783. Coming to Greenfield township with his brothers in 1820, he purchased three hundred acres of land that was still in its original wildness, and by dint of industry and well-directed toil improved a valuable estate. A man of considerable intellectual force and ability, he taugh school here a number of terms, and held various township offices. He married Sallie Warriner, who was born in New Durham, New York, May 5, 1793, and died December 25, 1856. He died on the home farm, October 7, 1864. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Laura, born September 11, 1811; Simon, born January 8, 1814; Mary, October 18, 1815; Hiram, June 7, 1818; Warren, January 7, 1820; Lois, August 21, 1821; Luther, April 6, 1825; Wilson December 9, 1826; Joel, November 1, 1828; Charles, June 3, 1831; and Lucinda, January 13, 1834.

Wilson Jones, son of Jeremiah Jones, has succeeded to the occupation of his ancestors, and is now numbered among the substantial and well-to-do agriculturists of Greenfield township. He has one hundred and forty-seven acres of choice and valuable land, which he devotes largely to dairying purposes. Mr. Jones has been twice married. He married first, July 14, 1863, Lucy A. Hopkins, who was born May 17, 1839, and died in 1889. By this union, Mr. Jones has four children, namely: Morris, born August 1, 1867; Almira, born September 21, 1869; Florence, born April 24, 1871; and Grace, born September 12, 1874.

Mr. Jones married second, August 19, 1891, Helen Young, a daughter of Horatio N. Young, for many years a well known educator of Erie county. Mrs. Jones was born January 30, 1859, in Conneautville, and received excellent educational advantages. After her graduation from the Lake Shore Seminary, she was for several terms successfully employed in teaching school. She is talented and accomplished, an artist of considerable note, her crayon work having captured prizes in more than one contest. Her brother, George W. Young, was a member of Company B, Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and spent eight months in Andersonville prison, where he literally starved to death. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have one child, Mary Y. Jones, whose birth occurred January 4, 1893. This daughter, Mary Y., is a young lady, who has inherited her talented mother's artistic ability and shows great aptitude in sketching and oil painting. She is a beautiful girl and her intellectuality is strong for one of her age.

George Sammons. The Sammons family is of Holland origin, a nation that has contributed much to the better element of society in America, and they trace their descent in a direct line to the American founder, Thomas Sammons, who located probably at New Amsterdam. He was born in the year of 1712, and for his wife he married Petronella Schoonmacher, who was born in 1716. The next in direct line was Thomas Sammons, Jr., and his wife was Elizabeth Bush, and they became the great-grandparents of George Sammons of this review. Thomas Sammons served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and died in the service of the Colonies, and his only child was a son Cornelius, by trade a carpenter. The latter was also the proprietor of a tannery, and he became a wealthy man. He was born on the 17th of March, 1777, and

for his first wife he married a Miss Anna Wood, born in 1783, and for his second wife he wedded Jane Gardinier.

Benjamin J. Sammons, a son of Cornelius, was born in 1801, in Ulster county, New York. He married Anna Hess, of German descent and born in Montgomery county, New York, in 1806. Their first home was in Schoharie, that state, where they lived until 1845; from that year until 1855 they were in Montgomery county, same state, and then coming to Erie county they located in Amity township, near Wattsburg. Five children were born of their union, as follows: Cornelius, now deceased, whose home was in Monroe county, New York; Mrs. Martha Ladd, deceased; George, of this review; the Rev. Isaiah Depew, of East Springfield, Pennsylvania; and Thomas B.

George Sammons was born at Sharon, New York, January 10, 1832, and he was reared and educated in his native commonwealth, and from there came with his parents to his present home in 1855. He has a splendidly improved farm of two hundred and forty acres, fine dairy land, and his methods of farming are of the most approved order and bring splendid results. He is a stanch and true Republican in his political affiliations, and has held several of the offices of his township.

On the 31st of March, 1858, Mr. Sammons was married to Miss Frances A. Harrington, from Stanford, New York, and their children are: William H.; Frances B., the wife of George Reed, of Mill Creek township, and the mother of five children, Emma, Harold, Charlotte, Frances and Laura; Martha L., the wife of U. S. Fuller, and the mother of Lawrence, George S., Francis H. (deceased), Justus and Marguerite; Fordyce, who married Pearl Parton, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Georgiana and De Witt B. at home with their father. De Witt B., who is now a farmer, was educated in the common schools and was also a student in Edinboro Normal. He wedded Jessie Tanner, and has two sons and two daughters, as follows: Edna A., a student in the Wattsburg high school and studying instrumental music; Mabel S., who is in the tenth grade and also studying music; De Forest T., in the eighth grade; and William Dana, in the fifth grade. Mr. Sammons and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and he votes with the Prohibition party.

Mrs. Frances Sammons died on the 16th of November, 1888, and for his second wife George Sammons wedded, December 31, 1891, Jennie, a daughter of the Rev. B. S. Hill, and the one child of their union is Dorcas. Mrs. Sammons died on the 28th of April, 1899. Mr. Sammons is a member of the Presbyterian church, and he has served as its elder during a number of years. He supports every good and righteous enterprise for the upbuilding of his community, and he not only believes in but exemplifies in his every day life the principles of the Golden Rule.

Marcene Samuel Lewis is a worthy and successful farmer of Amity township, who owns and operates one hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable land devoted to dairying. He has a herd of twenty graded milch cows, and it is an index of his standing and prosperity to know that the butter which he makes commands the highest price in the New York market. He has been the proprietor of his present fine farm since 1889, and for twenty years has operated it in a way to give his brother farmers a practical demonstration of modern and successful methods as applied to dairy agriculture. Mr. Lewis is a native

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of Venango township, this county, and was born March 24, 1857, his family, which was originally from New York state, becoming a fixture in the township in 1832. Marcene S. was reared and educated in Venango township, and quite early in life left his farming at home for similar occupation in Kansas and Dakota, during a portion of his two years in the west being also employed in a slaughter house.

Upon his return to Venango township Mr. Lewis resumed farming on his own land, and in 1889 purchased the farm which he now operates, and which is acknowledged to be one of the finest for its purposes in Erie county. On February 18, 1885, he had been united in marriage with Miss Carrie E. Maynard, daughter of W. C. and Salome (Brown) Maynard, of Amity township, and the child of this union, Leonard G., was born in 1887. He is a bright young lawyer of Claremore, Oklahoma, but since his graduation from the Valparaiso (Indiana) University in 1907 has served as principal of the United States Academy at Mekusukey, in the former state. Leonard G. Lewis graduated from the Wattsburg high school and the Valparaiso University; received his law degree in 1907, and was admitted to practice in the courts of Indiana and the United States court. Soon afterward he started for Oklahoma and his prospective practice.

Marcene S. Lewis, of this sketch, is a son of H. E. and Mary A. F. (Tanner) Lewis, the father being a native of Unadilla, New York, born in 1824, and the mother of Washington county, that state. The former was brought by his parents to Erie county in 1832, when the family settled on a farm in Venango township which comprised one hundred acres of unbroken land. There H. E. Lewis spent the remainder of his life, as an industrious youth and man and a successful farmer. He died in 1902 and his wife, in 1886, they having become the parents of the following: Frank M., Irene S., W. T., Marcene S., Albert A., George E. and James M. Lewis. All of the foregoing are deceased, except the third and fourth mentioned. The parental grandfather was Stephen Lewis, and his children were Nathaniel, Betsey, Sarah, H. E., Martha, David, Samuel and one whose name is unknown. The maternal grandparents were W. W. and Lydia (Foster) Tanner, and they became the parents of James, Morgan B., Mary A. F., Jane E., Lydia and Amos F. James Tanner was married to Miss Martha Bradley, who bore him Myron, John B., Lena, Mary and Archie. Morgan B. married Electa Whitney, to whom were born Emma, Ellen, Matilda, Lucinda, Leward and Alice. Jane E. became the wife of S. Cliff and the mother of Edgar and Charles. Lydia married J. B. Bradley and was the mother of Jennie E., Ella and Lydia. Amos F. Tanner also married. Mr. Lewis has voted the Democratic ticket and also the Prohibition, and he is a member of the K. O. T. M. Mrs. Lewis is a member of the Christian church.

A. Irwin Loop, one of the business men of North East, was born in North East township, April 12, 1859, the only son and child of Charles and Hannah (Dolph) Loop, born respectively in the township of North East, and in Schuyler county, New York. He is a grandson of Peter and Sena (Spencer) Loop, of the state of New York, and of Cyrus Dolph, also from the Empire state. Peter Loop was one of the early settlers of the township of North East in Erie county, and during many years he was numbered among its agriculturists, and Cyrus Dolph was another of the township's pioneers, coming here in 1832. He was both a farmer and weaver, and both families lived and died here. Charles and

Hannah (Dolph) Loop were married in North East township, but a short time after their marriage they left the farm and moved to the borough of North East, where he was a painter and the foreman of a brick yard. He died in 1896, and his wife died three years later, in 1899.

A. Irwin Loop, their only child, was a lad of sixteen when he left school and began work for himself. He had received an excellent education in the North East Academy and in the Lake Shore Seminary, and from that time until he reached his twenty-first year he conducted a fish boat on Lake Erie, and since that time he has been engaged in saw-mill work. He owns a valuable farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which is devoted to the raising of fruits of all kinds.

He married in August of 1880, Emma Phancoo, born in North East township, April 12, 1861, where her parents, John and Barbara (Dill) Phancoo, were well known residents, but their native land was Germany. He is a graduate of the Agricultural College of Cornell University Ithaca, New York, receiving the degree of B. S. A. in the class of 1905. The only child of this union is Howard Scott, at home with his parents. Mr. Loop is an independent political voter, and since 1899 he has served continuously as a councilman of the borough of North East. During three terms he was also a school director. He is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, Grape City Lodge No. 1273 of North East.

Samuel Phelps is one of the most highly respected citizens of Venango township, where he owns and resides on a valuable estate of one hundred and fifty-seven acres of fine dairy land. His entire business career has been devoted to agricultural pursuits with marked success, and in connection with his farm he also operates a dairy of nineteen cows. Born in Allegany county, New York, in September, 1830, he was but two years old when brought to Venango township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, by his parents, Samuel and Polly (Brown) Phelps, both of whom were born in Vermont. But moving from there to Allegany county, New York, they lived for some time at the latter place, and finally came, as above stated, to Erie county in 1832.

On their farm in Venango township they reared their children to lives of usefulness and honor, and finally passed to their reward. Eleven children blessed their marriage union, namely: Julia, William, Scena, Polly, Sallie and Mary, all deceased; Betsy; Ephraim, also deceased; Gardner, who died of disease contracted during his service in the Civil war; and George and Samuel. Samuel Phelps, the father, was a prosperous farmer, a good neighbor and friend and a loyal and public-spirited citizen.

In 1859 Samuel Phelps, the son, was happily married to Miss Helen Page, but she died in 1894, without issue. Mr. Phelps is independent in politics.

Daniel Sayre, deceased, belonged to a family who was as closely associated with the history of Erie county as any other of its pioneers, and his own name is enrolled among those who developed this community from its primitive state to its present prosperity and progress. Born in Bainbridge, New York, March 28, 1830, he was the only one of the children of Daniel and Sally (Elithorp) Sayre born outside of the then boundaries of Fairview township, but which is now known as Girard township, and he was a grandson of Charles and Diana (Stephens) Sayre.

Daniel Sayre came with his wife to Erie county about the year of 1817, locating on the ridge road east of the village of Girard, about two miles, in what is now Girard township, and there he cleared a farm and in time became one of the large land owners and leading agriculturists of the community. But about the year 1829 he returned to the state of New York and lived at Bainbridge, the birthplace of his first born child, for about two years, coming again at the close of that period to Erie county and spending the remainder of his life here. In 1845 he built the two and a half story brick house on his farm which is yet standing and which was for many years the home of his son Daniel, one of the historic old landmarks of the county. There he died on the 3d of June, 1871, and a few years afterward, on the 9th of October, 1875, his wife joined him in the home beyond, both being laid to rest in the cemetery at Girard. In their family were the following children: George A., Henry E., Diana, Orphania, Lucretia, Amelia, Daniel and Hezekiah.

Daniel Sayre obtained his educational training in the pioneer schools of Fairview township, and in 1850, imbued with the gold fever of the west, he made the trip by way of the Horn to San Francisco, but remained there only a few years and then returned home by way of the Isthmus of Panama and took charge of the Sayre farm, where he spent the residue of his life as a successful farmer. His name was ever foremost among those active in the advancement and upbuilding of the township and county, and to him belongs the credit of securing the sidewalk all along the ridge road from his home town Girard, a distance of over two miles. He married Miss Caroline Sweney, who was born in Mill Creek township of Erie county, a daughter of John and Louisa (Woodward) Sweney, from Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. They pioneered to Erie county in its early days, John Sweney coming here when a child with his parents, John and Esther (Murphy) Sweney.

Helen Louisa, the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, married Frederick W. Blair, who was born December 21, 1869, a son of Samuel Blair, whose history is given on other pages of this work. Frederick W. Blair received a good education in the public school and in the Erie Academy and Grove City College, and he lived at home with his parents until his marriage on the 13th of January, 1898. Then after a short time on a farm in Fairview township he came to reside on the old Sayre homestead. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blair: Elizabeth Winnifred, James Sayre, Caroline Lucile, Frederick Samuel and Marian Esther. Mr. Blair votes with the Republican party, and while living in Fairview township he served as a school director. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a member and the present master of the Grange at Girard, taking a very active interest in its work.

In politics Mr. Sayre upheld the principles of the Democratic party, although during the last few years of his life he voted independent of party ties, and he never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He was a man highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance or who knew aught of his upright character, and his death on the 11th of January, 1904, was mourned by his many friends and associates. His widow still resides on the old farm which has stood in the Sayre name for nearly a hundred years.

Ross McCullough is descended from a family who have contributed their full share to the progress and development of their country. His great-grandfather, James McCullough, was a lieutenant in the Revolution, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill, and his grandfather and father did their duty in their walk of life. Mr. McCullough's grandfather, also named James, married Rebecca Rouse; both were natives of Chenango county, New York, and came to Erie county about 1819. Mr. McCullough's father, Casper M., was born in Amity township, Erie county, March 28, 1835; he married Caroline Stewart, also of Amity township. He was a farmer, and became possessed of valuable property, and he also held interests in the oil fields during the excitement in the oil belt of Pennsylvania. Casper McCullough has now retired from active business and resides at Beaver Dam. His children are: Eva, Charles T., Ross, Nettie and Mark (deceased).

Ross McCullough was born in Union township, Union City, Erie county, May 4, 1881, and in that place has always lived, there receiving his education. He now owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres of valuable, well tilled land, especially well adapted for dairying purposes, and his herd of valuable cows numbers twenty, besides small stock. He manufactures butter, which he markets at the highest prevailing figure.

Mr. McCullough married, in 1902, Dora, daughter of William C. and Salome (Brown) Maynard. William C. Maynard was born in Amity township, February 4, 1835. He married Salome Brown, in 1860, and they have had six daughters, namely: Lois J. (deceased), Carrie E., Minnie M., Ruby M., Leafy L., and Dora E. William Maynard is a son of William B. and Lois Carnahan Maynard, the former born January 10, 1810, in Brookfield, New York. William B. Maynard was the son of Pliny and Julia Maynard, natives of Massachusetts, who came to Erie county in 1831. William B. Maynard was twice married, but by his first wife had only one son. By his second wife, Lucy Carnahan, sister of his first wife, he had children as follows: P. H., Harriet A., S. D., E. R., Charlotte, H. N., F. W. and three who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough have been blessed with three children, as follows: James M., born January 14, 1903; Cecil M., February 6, 1905, and Mildred E., October 1, 1906. Mrs. McCullough is a member of the United Brethren church.

Parker Woodworth is one of the oldest men living at Girard, Pennsylvania, having passed the eighty-eighth milestone on the journey of life, and his has been a busy and useful life, filled with arduous and honorable toil and beautiful deeds, and all who know him respect and reverence him. He was born at Rushford in Allegany county, New York, December 20, 1820, and he spent the first thirty-four years of his life there, coming then to Girard, Pennsylvania, and for about four years he worked in a lime kiln helping to make lime. At the close of that period he built for himself a lime kiln on the banks of the old canal, and conducted it for thirteen years. Going then to Conneaut Harbor in Ohio, he built a kiln and manufactured lime there for about three years, and then returning to Girard he was employed at different occupations until 1877.

It was in that year that he was made the superintendent of the Girard cemetery, then a very unattractive place, and for thirty years he devoted his life to the beautifying of this "city of the dead," until it stands

today one of the most beautiful burying grounds in Erie county. When he entered upon his office of superintendent the trees were unkept, the grass rank and long and the ground uneven, but all of these difficulties he met and conquered, and he also laid out walks and drives and in many other ways added beauty to the sacred spot. He resigned his office in the year of 1907, comforted with the thought that his work had been well and faithfully done.

Mr. Woodworth married first Miss Nancy Sevey, from Rushford, New York, and following her death he married her sister Martha Sevey, but she too has preceded him to the home beyond, dying in 1905. They had no children of their own, but they adopted a babe of nine months, Theodora, now the wife of Charles H. Taft of Erie, Pennsylvania, and the mother of a son, Harold Woodworth. Mr. Woodworth is a grand old Christian gentleman, benevolent and philanthropic in spirit, and he is well known and honored for his many acts of kindness. Politically he is a Democrat.

James Drake. The family here described is said to be descended from Sir Francis Drake, a native of England, who with his brother Henry came to the colonies at a very early date, and after spending a few years there returned to England; his descendants returned to Massachusetts and there lived and died. The great-grandfather of James Drake, Francis Drake, named after his illustrious ancestor, by his wife Polly had three children, Francis, Benjamin and Denny. Benjamin Drake, born in Massachusetts, married Sally Bontz, a native of Germany, and they settled in Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1813. They located in Amity township, where they purchased one hundred acres of land, in its virgin state. Benjamin Drake was a skilful hunter, trapper and fisherman, and delighted in these occupations; in those days his new land abounded in game. He became the father of nine children, namely: Frank, George, Sanford, Henry, Denny, Levi, Laura, Julia and May. Frank Drake married Mary Kemp, and to them were born seven children, as follows: Adella, James, Adolphus, Leroy, Lizzie, Annie and William.

James Drake was born in Michigan, August 25, 1863; his parents had removed to that state, where they lived a short time. In 1864 they returned to Erie county, and settled in Union City, where James received his early education and training. In that city he worked twenty-one years with Mr. Cheney, in the manufacture of chairs. He now owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred forty-five acres, in Amity township, and has an exceedingly fine herd of fifteen cattle, besides young stock and horses. He is an enterprising and ambitious farmer, and obtains good results in all lines of his farming.

Mr. Drake married Clara Wetmore, September 10, 1894, and this union has been blessed with children as follows: Clifford, Frank, Ellen and Hazel. He is an Independent in politics. Mrs. Drake is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Ezra Cooper. In his community during his life time no man was more widely known or highly known than Ezra Cooper, whose long life was eventful and useful, filled with honest pursuits and purposes. He was born in Elmira, New York, in 1822, and there was reared and educated and fitted for his future life of usefulness and responsibility. His first business experience was in peddling wares on foot, and in his initial

business career he was often discouraged and disheartened, but with his characteristic fortitude and courage he pressed on and soon began to make money and add to his stock in trade, his business finally growing to such proportions that it became necessary for him to buy a horse and wagon to carry his large stock. He began at eighteen cents a day, and the close of his three years of work found him with a cash capital of $5,000.

In company with his father, Aaron Cooper, he came to Waterford in Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1857, intending to continue on westward, but noticing a place for sale he bought it and for those early days fitted up a store of vast proportions. This property included a house and two hundred acres of land, all of which was purchased for twenty-five hundred dollars. There Mr. Cooper opened a store, and it was not long before his natural aptitude for business enabled him to out-run his competitors, and for seven years he also did a large banking business. Moving to Union City in the year of 1864, he opened and conducted a hardware store for a short time, and in the year following his arrival here he opened the private bank which he successfully conducted for thirty-five years. In the meantime his property increased in extent and value, he having erected several business blocks in Union City and also owned farms over different parts of the county, and it was often remarked that he did not recognize his own farms as he drove by them so vast were his realty possessions.

The Cooper House, one of the large hotels of the city and now included in his estate was built in 1864 and was then called the Petroleum Hotel on account of the great oil excitement then prevailing over this part of the state. The name was changed to the Cooper House in 1895; and in 1905 it was remodeled and modernized with all the latest improvements and facilities by his son and heir, Fred A. Cooper. This commodious and pleasant hostelry can accommodate as many as seventy-five guests. During many years Ezra Cooper was closely associated with the history of Erie county, but his beautiful and useful life was closed in death in the year of 1893, in his seventy-first year, but because of his life of helpfulness, of good cheer, of broad sympathy and his deep interest in and labors for the benefit of his fellow men, his memory will long be cherished by those who knew him. Mr. Cooper politically was a Republican. He married Miss Jennie Rumsey, of Bath, New York, December 15, 1857, and she was of inestimable value to him in his business career, and is the mother of his only child, Fred A. Cooper, of Union City.

Mrs. Jennie Rumsey Cooper was tenderly reared and liberally educated, and is a graduate of a school at one time located in Ithaca, New York. Although now of advanced age her mind seems almost in its youthful freshness and strength, and her pen is ever busy in recording in beautiful language the rich thoughts of her brain. In her early life she edited a paper called the "Temperance Gem," which had a circulation of ten thousand copies, and it was the writer's privilege to read from a copy of this journal, and its stirring sentiments couched in beautiful language fully justifies him in saying that she is a deep thinker, a bright and interesting writer and a wide reader. She is an extremely well preserved lady and takes care of her vast property interests, which include her Union City and township property and three colleges at Lake Chautauqua, and it is at that resort that she spends her summers. She takes a deep and abiding interest in the community in which she has so long resided and is one of

its most philanthropic citizens, a consistent and worthy member of the Episcopal church.

Laverne H. Raymond. The owner of one of the largest and most completely furnished general stores in Erie county, Laverne H. Raymond, of Greenfield township, is carrying on an extensive and remunerative business, being a most popular and progressive merchant, and one with whom it is a pleasure to trade. He was born, December 29, 1867, in Venango township, a son of Elbridge Raymond.

A native of New York, Elbridge Raymond was born and bred in Albany county, coming from New England ancestry, the Raymond family having removed from Rhode Island to Albany county in colonial days, and his birth occurring in that county in 1807. When a young man he located in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and was for a number of years engaged in milling, first operating a grist mill in Wattsburg, and later in Greenfield township. He subsequently served as postmaster at Greenfield from 1875 until 1885, living there until his death, at a ripe old age. He was twice married. By his first marriage he had five children, of whom two, Edwin and Charles, were veterans of the Civil war, Edwin dying while in service. He married for his second wife Mary Yost, who was born in Venango township, in 1825, and they became the parents of two children, George and Laverne H.

His parents removing to Greenfield township when he was but a year old, Laverne H. Raymond was here brought up and educated. Entering upon a business career when young, he had the moral courage to open a general store in Greenfield township, a venture in which other men had previously failed, establishing his present business in 1890, with the limited capital of $450. Succeeding from the first, he gradually increased both his stock and his operations, and now owns his own store and his own residence, the latter being one of the finest in the whole township. His store building is forty-two feet by sixty-four feet, two stories in height, with a good basement, every part of which he uses, and in addition to this Mr. Raymond has erected a shed sixty-four feet in length, for the accommodation of his numerous patrons, who are sure of a dry and warm place in which they can put up their teams in cold or wet weather. Mr. Raymond each year adds to his stock, which is now valued at about $10,000, carrying a complete line of goods, including almost everything found in a general store unless it be heavy hardware.

Mr. Raymond married, in 1890, Bertha, daughter of Elisha G. and Mary J. (Riddell) Lewis and a sister of Jay M. Lewis, of whom a brief sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Her grandfather Riddell was for many years in the employ of the government, holding a position in connection with the government mints, while her great-great-grandfather, William Ellery, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond have two children, Agnes and Harold. Taking great interest in local affairs, and never shirking the responsibilities devolving upon him as a loyal and trustworthy citizen, Mr. Raymond has served as township clerk, auditor and treasurer, as justice of the peace, and as notary public. Fraternally he is a member, and worshipful master, of Wattsburg Lodge, No. 533, F. & A. M., and both he and his wife belong to the Protected Home Circle.

Jay M. Lewis. A highly intelligent, industrious and capable business man, Jay M. Lewis is prominently identified with the manufacturing and mercantile interests of Erie county, being proprietor of the Clover

Leaf Cheese factory, which was established at North East in 1890, and has since been among the leading industries of the place. A native of Iowa, he was born, March 16, 1878, in Hastings, Mills county, a son of Elisha G. Lewis. He comes from distinguished New England ancestry, being a direct descendant of William Ellery, of Rhode Island, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence being his great-great-grandson. The Lewis family originated in Wales, the founder of the American family of that name immigrating to the United States from that country.

Elisha G. Lewis, born November 10, 1844, has been engaged in agricultural pursuits during his entire life, and is now a resident of Chautauqua county, New York. He married Mary J. Riddell, who was born, October 11, 1848, in Chautauqua, and died April 7, 1891. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Bertha A., Agnes, deceased, Samuel R., Jay M., Lepha A., deceased, and Lena A.

Brought up in Pennsylvania, Jay M. Lewis obtained his rudimentary education in the common schools of Greenfield township, after which he attended the Fredonia State Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. As a young man he was for a time in the employ of the Wabash and Nickle Plate Railway companies, after which he spent four years in learning the trade of manufacturing cheese, of which he is now an expert. Having become thoroughly conversant with the business, Mr. Lewis, in 1907, purchased his present plant, and has now one of the best equipped factories in Erie county, in addition to manufacturing cheese making his own cheese boxes. The factory has an actual output of upwards of a thousand pounds a day, its capacity being fifteen hundred pounds, and this amount he sells in Erie, F. R. Simmons paying him the highest market price for all that he can manufacture.

On April 17, 1898, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage with Ada B. Waterman, a daughter of Norman O. and Nettie B. Waterman, and they have one adopted son, Harry D. Lewis. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engine Men, and in politics is a Republican. Mrs. Lewis is a member of the Christian church and Mr. Lewis is a Methodist.

Shreve Family. This prominent family of Shreve dates back to and beyond the days of the Revolutionary war, when its members with others of the brave pioneers of the land offered their services in the cause of freedom and liberty, and they claim among their ancestors the first families of the mother country of England. The first of the name in America of whom there is authentic knowledge is Colonel William Shreve of Bordentown, New Jersey, and he served several years in the Colonial army under Washington.

Richard Shreve Sr., one of the children of Colonel William Shreve, was born on the 22nd of September, 1760, and he married Margaret, a daughter of Thomas and Ann Newbold, and she was also born in the year of 1760, on the 26th of May. Richard Shreve and his family resided in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, until 1798, when they moved to Bloomfield township in Crawford county, then a vast wilderness, and there he cleared a farm and reared his children, thirteen in number, William, Brazilla, Thomas, Nancy, Israel, Charlotte, Richard Jr., Caleb, Benjamin, Charles, Isaac, Margaret and Sarah Ann. Richard Shreve, Sr., was a miller and owned and operated the Washington mills in Fayette county. He was a very prominent man in his day, and served as captain of militia

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and was at one time justice of the peace. He died on September 12, 1822, and his widow survived him until October 9, 1852. She as well as her husband was a representative of some of the best families of England.

Israel Shreve, the fourth born son of Richard, was born in the year 1794 and married Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas Bloomfield, of Revolutionary war fame. Israel reared a family of eight children, Caleb, Cyrus, Thomas, Darius, Caroline, Elizabeth, Margaret and one who died in early life. Israel, the father, died in 1866, and his wife Elizabeth died in 1880, aged eighty-three years.

Darius, the fourth son of Israel and Elizabeth (Bloomfield) Shreve, was born in Bloomfield, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1833, and he married Miss Almira M., a daughter of Isaac and Patience (Allee) Miller, on June 3, 1862. The young couple settled on the old homestead farm in Bloomfield township, Crawford county, and there was born to them the following children: Elvia L., born October 11, 1864, Emery A., October 7, 1867, Lendell D., July 14, 1869, Myrtie P. September 8, 1875. Darius Shreve followed the vocation of a farmer, filling nearly all of the township offices. He was a man of integrity and a respected citizen. After his death, on the old Shreve homestead in Bloomfield township, in November, 1896, the family moved to Union City, where Emery A. Shreve has been in business since 1893, and both brothers have long been numbered among its prominent residents.

The Shreve Chair Manufacturing Company, composed of Lendell D. Shreve, the president and treasurer, Emery A. Shreve the vice president, and W. E. Everson, the secretary, is the largest wood seat chair factory in the United States. It was organized in 1903, and the factory now covers an area of six acres, the main building being three stories high, and the company give employment to a force of from three to four hundred workmen. The output of their factory is about thirty-five hundred chairs in ten hours, and for this output they consume thirty thousand feet of lumber. The factory is equipped with a two hundred horse-power engine. Besides this manufactory the company have another at Spartansburg, where fifty men are employed, and still another at Cambridge Springs, where they give employment to thirty workmen. In the two latter shops the materials are made ready to be put together and then shipped to the main factory at Union City, where they are completed and made ready for the market.

It was through the indomitable energy and forethought of L. D. Shreve that this large industry was inaugurated and placed on a running and paying basis. He has served one term each as chief burgess and councilman of Union City, retiring from the offices with the respect and confidence of the people, and he is the efficient superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School here. E. A. Shreve served Union City as a councilman, and he is a trustee in the Baptist church.

Julius Charles Siegel. One of the leading business men of Erie of marked executive ability is Julius Charles Siegel, managing partner of the Erie Oil Works. There is no mistaking the name for any than that which applies to a substantial German family, to which the military and civic history of the United States has been greatly indebted in the Civil war period and during many eras of peace. The father, Frederick Louis Siegel, emigrated from Carlsbad, Germany, in 1852, and settled at once in Erie, where he found numerous countrymen to receive him into their circles.

Julius C. Siegel, of this sketch, was born in Erie, on the 2nd of October, 1856, received a common school education in his native city and his clean and enviable record both as a business man and a private citizen has been made in the community of his birth. He is a firm Democrat and popular with various societies, lodges and clubs, but has never sought political or public advancement. Mr. Siegel has been twice married—first, to Miss Hattie Faust of Meadville, Pennsylvania, by whom he had a daughter, Florence, now twenty-two years of age, who is married to Burr Lathrop of Erie. His second marriage, which occurred March 5, 1900, was to Miss Mabel Baird, and they have two children—Richard, now six years of age, and Helen, four.

Henry M. Bailey is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Venango township, where he owns and resides on a farm of two hundred and seventeen acres of valuable dairy land. He was born in Chautauqua county, New York, but was reared and educated in Erie county, a son of David P. and Chloe C. (Dean) Bailey, both of whom were born in Otsego county, New York, the father on the 22d of September, 1807, and the mother in 1811. The maternal family were from the east, and the first to come to Erie county were Ephraim and Samuel Dean, uncles of Henry M. Bailey. Samuel Dean was born in Otsego county, New York, March 9, 1800, and he married Julia Bailey. Of the same family as Samuel were Ephraim, Harvey and Crandall. Ephraim was born in 1796, and died on the 27th of May, 1876. Daniel Dean was the grandfather of Henry M. Bailey, and he was born in June of 1774, and died in 1848. On the 12th of March, 1795, he married Betsey Elizabeth Crandel, born March 19, 1773, and she died March 3, 1860. Their children were: Ephraim, born August 2, 1796, and died May 27, 1876; Harvey, born May 28, 1797; Samuel, born March 9, 1800; Sally, born January 30, 1802; Betsey, August 26, 1805; Ellis, December 8, 1808; Chloe C., March 23, 1811; and Crandall, September 11, 1813. Of these sons Harvey served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812.

David P. Bailey and Chloe C. Dean were married in 1828, and soon afterward they moved to French Creek, New York, but a short time later went east to live, but it was not long before they returned to French Creek, and in March of 1850 they came from there to Erie county. During the later years of their life they located in Wattsburg, and there they subsequently died, David on the 27th of September, 1891, and his wife Chloe August 9, 1893. There were born to them the following children: Helen M., on the 12th of October, 1829; Henry M., November 21, 1831; David G., February 26, 1837; Martha L., September 27, 1843; John M., January 17, 1846; and Daniel W., August 3, 1853. John M. served as a member of the Eighty-Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war.

Henry M. Bailey, the only surviving member of the family, married on December 25, 1877, Miss Charity L., a daughter of David E. and Rhoda J. Foot, and the one child of their union is deceased, as is also the wife and mother. She was born in Venango township in 1849, and died on the 29th of June, 1906, after many years of happy married life and efficient labor in behalf of home and friends and the needy.

Stephen W. Ferris. The record of the public officials of Erie county include the name of Stephen W. Ferris, the postmaster of Watts-

burg. He has served in this position since 1897, and under his direction the office has increased its value from four hundred and fifty to eight hundred dollars and supports four rural district carriers, who distribute a daily mail. Mr. Ferris is a son of Waldon and Adeline (Havens) Ferris, who were born, lived and died in Chenango county, New York. Their children were: Caroline (deceased), Stephen W., Austin, Catherine, Thomas J. and Joseph (deceased).

Stephen W. Ferris is the only member of his father's family in Erie county. He was born in Manlius, New York, January 23, 1842, and came to Wayne township of Erie county when a mere boy. He received a common-school education here, and his younger business career was devoted to the milling and lumber business. In September of 1861 he enlisted in the northern cause in the Civil war, being among the first to respond to the appeal of President Lincoln's call for volunteers, and he became a member of Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry. He participated in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock, Second Bull Run, Chancellorsville, South Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, Waxahachie and in Sherman's march from Chattanooga to Atlanta. At Savannah, Georgia, he was hit by a spent ball but not incapacitated for duty, and he received his honorable discharge after four years of faithful and valiant service.

In 1866 Mr. Ferris was married to Miss Florence, a daughter of Charles Raymond, and the marriage union was blessed by the birth of three sons, Guy A., Claude P. and Roy S. Mrs. Ferris died in 1884, and in 1886 he was married to Miss Sarah A., a daughter of James and Fannie Hayward, from the state of New York. Of the four children of this union two are living, Lyle L. and Sarah C. Mr. Ferris is an active supporter of the Taft administration, and he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 70 at Corry, and the Masonic fraternity at Wattsburg, Lodge No. 533, and both he and his wife are members of the order of Eastern Star at Union City, Pennsylvania.

George Evans. Bringing to his free and independent calling good business methods and excellent judgment, George Evans, a well-known farmer of Greenfield township, is meeting with marked success in his labors. A native of Greene township, he was born, August 5, 1857, a son of John Evans, and a grandson of Ebenezer Evans, one of the pioneers of Erie county. Emigrating from Wales in 1820, Ebenezer Evans came direct to Pennsylvania, locating in Waterford, Erie county, where he followed his trade of a stone cutter for many years, assisting in the meantime in the building of the Mayville prison. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Henton, six children were born, namely: Sarah, William, Ebenezer, John, Thomas, and Edward.

John Evans, born in Waterford, Erie county, September 20, 1825, was a life-long resident of this county, his death occurring in Greene township, October 2, 1898. He was twice married. He married first, December 12, 1846, Johanna Urch, who was born in Venango township, January 13, 1830, and died July 13, 1866. Nine children blessed their union, namely: Matilda, born February 18, 1848; Edward, April 26, 1850; Thomas, May 19, 1852; Mary, December 17, 1853; Effie, August 1, 1855; George, of this brief biographical sketch; A. J., born December 29, 1859; Henry, May 23, 1862; and Della, June 23, 1864. John Evans married second, April 5, 1868, Sallie Phelps, who survived him, passing away April 19, 1905.

Brought up and educated in Greene township, George Evans acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture when young, and in the pursuit of his chosen occupation has always taken a keen interest, and derived both pleasure and a satisfactory pecuniary remuneration. At the present time he keeps fifteen milch cows of a good grade, devoting his attention almost exclusively to dairying.

Mr. Evans married, in 1882, Florence M. Howard, who was born in Venango township, in 1866, a daughter of Murando and Amy (Fuller) Howard, the former of whom was born in Vermont, and the latter in Herkimer county, New York. Of the three children that have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, two are living, namely: Levi, born August 31, 1883; and Charles, born August 28, 1886.

John A. Stolz is a well known and prominent agriculturist residing in the vicinity of Waterford in Greene township, where he is the owner of a splendid and well improved estate. He was born at St. Mary's in Elk county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1847, a son of John and Magdalena (Snyder) Stolz, who came from Germany to the United States before marriage, and for several years their home was in New York. The father came to this country in 1833, and he traveled quite extensively for some time thereafter, and he several times moved from the city of New York to Elk county, Pennsylvania. During the intervening period from 1857 until 1867 he lived at Williamsville, now known as Rasselas, in Elk county. He moved first from New York City on account of the cholera plague, and in 1857 he returned there, but he only spent one winter at his former home and then came again to Erie county in 1867 and a few months later located in Greene township, where he accumulated in all two hundred and twenty-eight acres. He lived there until death. Several of his children died in infancy, and he reared two, John A. and Michael.

John A. Stolz received a splendid educational training in his early life, attending first the various public schools near his home, and he also attended St. Vincent's College for three terms and the Erie Business College. After leaving the school room he took up agriculture as his occupation, and he now owns a splendid estate of one hundred and six acres, a part of the old Stolz homestead. He married in 1883 Miss Mary R. Wank, a daughter of Ferdinand and Marguerita (Groll) Wank, who came to the United States from Bavaria, Germany, and in 1844 they became residents of St. Mary's in Elk county. Mr. and Mrs. Stolz have the following children: Edward F., Roman Otto, Anthony Alexander, Frederick William, Emma Margaret, George Albert and Bernard Sebastian. The family are members of St. Boniface Catholic church, of which Rev. Fr. Tipp is the pastor. Mr. Stolz is an independent voter, casting his vote for the man best fitted for the position or office, regardless of party.

William Wakeman Yaple was one of the early pioneer residents of Erie county, who was born within its borders in Greene township, and he was actively associated with the development of this region during his entire life. His course was strictly honorable, upright and just, in accord with the highest principles of human conduct, and his name is enrolled high on the list of the honored Erie county pioneers. His birth occurred on the 11th of October, 1827, and he was a son of the David Yaple who is mentioned in the sketch of Anson H. Yaple in this work. His educational training was received in the schools of Greene township and in the

Waterford Academy, and during several terms after the completion of his training he taught school. On the 1st of April, 1853, he purchased a farm of fifty acres in Greene township, the present home of his son, Brink B. Yaple, and there he continued to reside until his death in 1903. He married on the 17th of June, 1851, Miss Sarah Holmes, of Oceanica county, Michigan, and she died on the 2d of March, 1893. They reared three children, Jay N., Julia M., and Brink B.

Brink B. Yaple was born on the 4th of September, 1860, and he too received his educational training in the schools of Greene township and the Waterford Academy, and like his father taught two terms of school after the completion of his education. Since that time he has been an agriculturist, and now owns his father's old homestead. He married on the 1st of November, 1894, Miss Minnie Bonney a daughter of William and Nancy (McCaslin) Bonney, the father born in Greene township of Erie county and the mother in Venango township of Forest county, Pennsylvania. William Bonney was a son of Daniel and Harriet (Brace) Bonney, early pioneer residents in Erie county, the former coming here from New York. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Yaple were James and Hannah (Neal) McCaslin, the former born near Pittsburg on June 18, 1807, and the latter at Nealsburg, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1806. In 1865 they moved to Painesville, Ohio, and they spent the remainder of their lives there. Three children were born to brighten and bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brink B. Yaple, James Leon, Bernard Roe and Clemma, but the youngest child died in infancy. Both Mr. Yaple and his wife are members of the West Greene Grange. Mr. Yaple is a Republican, but he takes high ground on the subject of temperance. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Greene township.

Anson Henry Yaple was during many years one of the successful agriculturists of Erie county, but now in the evening of a long and honorable career he is living retired from an active business life. He was born in Greene township of Erie county in 1829, a son of David and Ruth Maria (Fuller) Yaple, both of whom were born in Delaware county, New York, the father on the 14th of April, 1805, and the mother on the 2d of the same month and the same year. The father was a son of Jacob Yaple, who with his wife came from Germany, and they were the progenitors of the family in America. They located in Delaware county, New York, and spent the remainder of their lives there. The maternal grandfather of Anson H. Yaple was Noble Fuller, who with his wife and children came from Delaware county, New York, to Venango township in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and there the parents lived until death. David Yaple came to Greene township in Erie county, and here he became the owner of eighty acres of land, which he cleared and improved, but during a short time before his death he lived retired in Waterford.

Anson H. Yaple received his educational training in the Greene township schools, and his life's work was farming, and during many years he also followed threshing. His first experience as a thresher was with his father, and they used a tread mill, which was operated by three men. Mr. Yaple married in 1851, and a few years afterward he moved with his wife to Rewey, Wisconsin, where he bought fifty acres of government land. Mrs. Yaple only lived a few years after moving to that state, and after her death Mr. Yaple returned with his children to Greene

township, and after a few years in the oil fields of this state he resumed his agricultural work here and so continued until his retirement. He accumulated one hundred and sixty acres of land.

His first wife bore the maiden name of Laura Anna Streeter, and they were married on the 10th of June, 1851, and the following children were born of their union: Mrs. Candus Rose Cutter, Henry, Edward L., Clinton Fuller, Mrs. Addie Root and Anson J. In the year of 1866 Mr. Yaple was again married, and by the second union he has four children, Dudley, Lulu, Catherine and Leah.

Clinton Fuller Yaple, a son of Anson H. and Laura A. Yaple, was born in Greene township on the 14th day of February, 1858, and since his school days he has followed dairying and farming here. He now owns the eighty-one acres of land which his grandfather David bought when he first came here many years ago, and in addition he owns another tract of twenty-four acres. On the 13th of April, 1882, he was married to Johanna Barry, a daughter of Thomas and Anstrus (Drown) Barry. The father came from his native land of Ireland in an early day and located in Greene township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he was an agriculturist during the remainder of his life. His wife was born in Greene township, a daughter of Cyril and Catherine (Zimmerman) Drown, who came to this commonwealth in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton F. Yaple have become the parents of the following children: George Reed, Thomas Anson, Bonnie Ruth, Wallace Clinton and Jessie Anstrus. The eldest son, George Reed, is now the city editor of the *Erie Times*. He married Miss Hazel M. Barton, a daughter of George Barton, of Greene township, and they have one child, Mildred Hyasinth. The youngest daughter, Jessie A., is a student in the Waterford high school. Mr. Clinton F. Yaple is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife and their three youngest children are identified with the Grange.

Charles Albert Blakeslee was born in Waterford township, Erie county, on the 7th of March, 1854, a son of Albert and Helen (Hewitt) Blakeslee, both of whom also had their nativity in Erie county. He is a grandson on the paternal side of Benjamin and Azubah (Crocker) Blakeslee, from Chautauqua county, New York. Benjamin Blakeslee was born on the 15th of April, 1783, and his wife on the 8th of November, 1783, and they came to Erie county during a very early day in its history, purchasing land in Waterford township, where they were farmers during the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents of Charles A. Blakeslee were Lemon and Polly (Reynolds) Hewitt, who also came from New York to Pennsylvania in an early day, but established their home in Greene township. Lemon Hewitt served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812, and on one occasion while out scouting with five comrades they were chased for a long distance by a large band of Indians, and Mr. Hewitt was the only one who escaped death at their hands. But after a short stay in Greene township Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt moved to Waterford township, where they bought land, and in establishing their home there they experienced many of the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life.

Charles A. Blakeslee received his educational training in the schools of Waterford township, and farming and dairying has been his life's occupation. He now owns a splendid estate of one hundred and fifty acres of land in Waterford township. He married on the 8th of June,

1873, Emma Jane Pelton, a daughter of Richard and Maria L. (Burton) Pelton, and a granddaughter on the paternal side of George and Caroline (Ferris) Pelton, who came from Ithaca, New York, and located at Farmers Valley in McKean county, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Blakeslee were Henry and Sally (Bugbee) Burton, who came from Haskell Flats, New York, to Bloomfield township in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and there they also spent the remainder of their lives. George Pelton, the father, with three brothers and three cousins, enlisted in 1861 for service in the Civil war, and becoming a member of Company H, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he served for one year and nine months and was then honorably discharged. His brother John re-enlisted and served until the close of the conflict. In 1875 George Pelton and his wife moved to Ohio and there he subsequently died. Both he and his wife were born in Ithaca, New York, he in 1831, and she in 1838. The union of Charles A. Blakeslee and Emma J. Pelton was blessed by the birth of the following children: Phebe, the first born, married Jesse Bunnell, and they have three children, Charles Ray, Jessie Claire and Ward Emmet, and they are also rearing a little orphan girl; Estella married James Van Dyke, and is the mother of Albert and Carl; James Albert married Blanche Barney, now deceased, and their children are James Harold, Bessie Irene, Frank Drown and Charles Edward; Jesse Charles is mentioned below, and Bessie, the youngest child, died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Blakeslee are members of the Grange, and he is also a member of the order of Odd Fellows. The family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Jesse Blakeslee was born on the 22d of January, 1885, and after completing his education in the township's public schools he began farming and agriculture has been his life's occupation. He now owns fifty acres of rich and fertile land in Greene township, and there in addition to his general agricultural work he is also engaged quite extensively in dairying. He is one of the most progressive farmers of the county, and he is probably the only man within its borders to use electric lights in his barn. He manufactures his own electricity. On the 28th of December, 1904, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Haskins, whose ancestry is traced in the review of John Sherman below. Mr. Blakeslee is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife are also members of the Grange.

John Sherman was born in New York, January 1, 1832, a son of Luther and Phebe (English) Sherman. In the year of his birth the family came to Greene township in Erie county, Pennsylvania, where they purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land in the then wilderness, but from that wild and unimproved tract they evolved a splendid home, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. John Sherman received his education in the public schools of Greene township, and farming has been his life's occupation, his estate consisting of forty-five acres in Greene township. During the Civil war he was drafted for service in 1865, and became a member of Company K, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. On the 19th of December, 1855, he married Roxana Strong, a daughter of Chauncey B. and Susan (Buis) Strong, prominent early pioneers of Erie county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Abe Carter and Maud L. The daughter married John Haskins on May 4, 1887, and they had three children, Mary A., John and Fern. Mary A., their eldest daugh-

ter, became the wife of Jesse C. Blakeslee. Mr. Blakeslee is a Republican.

Joseph Bliley. Prominent among the agriculturists of Greene township is numbered Joseph Bliley, who was born within its borders on the 2d of January, 1835, a son of Sebastian Bliley, who came from his native land of Germany and established his home in an early day in Greene township, Erie county, Pennsylvania. Here the parents became the owner of a splendid estate of between fifty and sixty acres of fertile and well improved land, and they were farming people here during the remainder of their lives.

Joseph Bliley received his educational training in the pioneer schools of Greene township, and from the time of leaving the school room until within a few years ago agriculture was his occupation. He accumulated in that time a splendid estate of one hundred and thirty-six acres, but he is now living retired. He married in 1861 Mary Hart, whose parents came from Germany to the United States and were pioneers in Greene township, Erie county. Her father, Joseph Hart, became a prominent and well known farmer here. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bliley: Fred, Elizabeth, Emma, Daniel, Frank, Andrew and Joseph, twins, Mary and Josie. Daniel died at the age of thirty-seven years, Frank died at the age of twenty-five, and Andrew, Joseph and Josie reside on the old homestead farm. The family are members of the St. Boniface Catholic church. The sons are Democrats.

Anton Vogt. Numbered among the well known and successful agriculturists of Greene township is Anton Vogt, an honored veteran of the Civil war and one of the honored pioneer residents of Erie county. He was born in Germany on the 23d of July, 1831, a son of John and Elizabeth Vogt, who lived and died in their native land. After landing in this country Anton Vogt came direct to Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1849, and after working there for others for four years he came on to Greene township in 1853 and bought fifty acres of government land. His property at the time of purchase was but a vast wilderness, the country roundabout being unimproved and unclaimed, but with the passing of time he succeeded in clearing his tract of its timber and cultivated and improved his fields. He has accumulated in all one hundred and thirty-four acres, and he has long been both dairyman and general farmer. In 1865, during the later part of the struggle, he enlisted for the Civil war in Company E, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the conflict.

Mr. Vogt married in 1856 Barbara Steinbach, and to their union were born: Mary, who married George Zimmer; Adam, who married a Miss Snyder and lives in Erie; and Peter and William. In 1876 Mr. Vogt wedded Mrs. Mary Hoffman, and two children were born of their marriage, Amala and Margaret. Mr. Vogt and his family are members of the Lutheran church. He and his sons are Republicans.

John F. Fritzges. Many years ago the Fritzges family, consisting of father, mother and children, came from their native fatherland of Germany to seek a home in the freer United States, and arriving on American shores in the year of 1842 they at once established their abode in Erie county, Pennsylvania. A few years after this, in 1855, they came to Greene township, and here in time the parents accumulated one hundred and fifty acres of land, which with the aid of his sons

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the father cleared and improved and converted into a valuable tract, and there he and his wife lived and labored for many years and at length passed to their final reward.

John F. Fritzges was born in Germany, August 11, 1841, a son of Martin and Elizabeth Fritzges. From his early youth he assisted his father in improving and cultivating his homestead, and after his marriage he followed railroad work for eighteen years. At the close of that period he purchased his father's farm, and his life's work has since been farming and dairying.

In 1874 Mr. Fritzges was married to Miss Caroline Guerla, from Mill Creek township in Erie county, and they have become the parents of the following children: Frank, Henry, Emma, John, Charles, Sophia, Nora, Carry and Minnie, but the two last named are deceased. Mr. Fritzges is independent in politics.

Dr. Samuel Farnum Chapin was one of the favored mortals whom nature launches into the world with the heritage of a sturdy ancestry, a splendid physique, a masterful mind, and energy enough for many men. Added to this were exceptional intellectual and professional attainments, and he stood as a type of the true gentleman, dignified, yet possessed of an affability that won him friends among all classes and conditions of men. He gave the best of an essentially strong, noble and loyal nature to the service of his fellow men, and his life course was guided and governed by the loftiest principles of integrity and honor. In the profession which he dignified by his life and services he proved himself humanity's friend; midst the clamors and perils of warfare he rendered to his country the service of a loyal son of the republic and gained marked distinction; as an editor and legislator he wielded an influence which sprang from his very character worthy and inviolable; and as a man among men he stood exponent of all that is best and most ennobling in life. Such was the man, and it was his to leave an indelible impress upon the annals of Erie county, where he long maintained his home and where his name is held in reverent memory. Dr. Chapin died at his home in the city of Erie on the 12th of June, 1908.

Samuel Farnum Chapin was born at Butternuts, Otsego county, New York, on the 13th of November, 1834, and was a son of Joseph and Fannie (Farnum) Chapin, both natives of New England, where the respective families were founded in the colonial epoch and where both have had distinguished representatives, as have they also in divers other sections of the Union. Joseph Chapin was born at Springfield, Massachusetts, and his wife at Smith Farms, Connecticut. In 1835 they took up their residence in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and the father secured a tract of government land near the present village of Wattsburg, where he developed a valuable farm and where both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. He died in 1835 at the age of fifty-six years and his wife was eighty-four years of age at the time of her demise, in 1878. Others of their children than the subject of this memoir have gained distinction, as the following brief statements well indicate. Rev. Lucius D. Chapin, who was graduated in Amherst College, as a member of the class of 1851, attained a high reputation as a clergyman of the Presbyterian church, and at one time filled a chair in the University of Michigan. Dr. Lebbeus Chapin was graduated in the literary department of Yale University in 1852, and in 1864 was graduated in the medical department of the same institution. For twelve years he was a

tutor in his alma mater, and during the Civil war he served in the Union army as a surgeon.

Dr. Samuel F. Chapin, to whom this sketch is dedicated, duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of Erie county, after which he continued his studies in Erie Academy. He next entered historic old Phillips Acdemy, at Andover, Massachusetts, where he was prepared for college. In due time he was matriculated in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in 1858, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He forthwith entered the medical department of Yale University from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1860. Thereafter he was engaged in teaching for one year, and in 1861 he was among the first of the loyal sons of the Union to tender his services in its defense. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war he was appointed assistant surgeon of the First Pennsylvania Reserves, and in May, 1862, he was commissioned major surgeon of the one Hundred and Thirty-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment. In the spring of the following year he was appointed chief surgical operator for the Third Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, and in the summer of 1864 he was commissioned surgeon in chief of the Second Division of the same corps. In this exacting office he continued to serve until the close of the war. His service covered a period of four years, during which time he was in action in all of the battles fought by the Army of the Potomac from June 26, 1862, at Mechanicsville, to the surrender of Lee's army, in April, 1865.

After the close of his long and gallant military career Dr. Chapin located in the city of Chicago, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for a short time, after which he returned to his home in Wattsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was destined to attain prominence in the work of his noble profession as well as in connection with civic and public affairs. With the passing of years he was called upon to serve in various local offices including those of burgess, justice of the peace, and school director, and the community ever showed its appreciation of his ability and his sterling character. He was the founder of the Wattsburg *Sentinel*, a weekly paper, supporting the cause of the Republican party, of which he was a stalwart and uncompromising adherent, and of this paper, which is still in existence, he was publisher and editor for a period of fourteen years.

In 1874 Dr. Chapin was elected a representative of Erie county in the state legislature, where he made an excellent record, which resulted in his election as his own successor, in 1876. During the administration of President Harrison he was appointed a member of the board of United States pension examiners for Erie county, and of this position he continued incumbent until his death. During the last few years of his service he was secretary of the board. In 1889 he was appointed surgeon in chief of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' & Sailors' Home, at Erie, where he then took up his residence. He held this position continuously until failing health compelled his resignation a few years prior to his death. The doctor was deeply interested in the Grand Army of the Republic and in all that concerned his old comrades in arms. He was prominent in the affairs of the order and in 1888 served as medical director of the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic. He was also a valued and appreciative member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, in which he was identified with the commandery of Pennsylvania. Dr. Chapin ever kept in touch with the

advances made in both departments of his profession, and was widely known as a skilled surgeon. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the Erie County Medical Society, of which last he served two terms as president. The work of the Erie County Historical Society enlisted his earnest and enthusiastic co-operation, and he served as a director of the same for a number of years. He was also a member of the Lincoln Club, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in church matters was a member of the Presbyterian church.

On the 3d of September, 1870, Dr. Chapin was united in marriage to Miss Emily Hill, daughter of Rev. Bryan S. Hill, a clergyman of the Methodist church, and she survives him and maintains her home in Erie. Of the children of this union the following brief data are given. Albert O. who was born at Wattsburg, this county, September 28, 1876, was graduated in Allegheny College as a member of the class of 1899, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He thereafter read law under effective preceptorship and in 1902 he was admitted to the bar of his native state. Since that time he has been associated in practice with the firm of Gunnison, Rilling & Fish of Erie, his former preceptors. He is one of the representative younger members of the bar of his native county and has the esteem of his professional confreres. He has attained to the fourteenth degree in Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, after having completed the circle of the York Rite bodies, in which latter connection he is affiliated with Mount Olivet Commandery Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is identified with the Country Club, the Shriners' Club, and the Erie Board of Trade. Lynn F., the second son, died at the age of five years. Eva M. remains with her mother at the attractive home in Erie. Leah is the wife of Mark C. Waterman, of Erie.

Dr. Chapin's life counted for much, and from it are to be gained lessons of perpetual incentive. His career was one of absolute fidelity in all its relations, and his name will be held in lasting honor in his native county and state.

Peter A. Wagner was born on the farm where he now lives in Greene township in 1861, and he is a representative of one of the honored early families of this community. His parents, Peter and Elizabeth Wagner, were born in Germany, and coming to the United States they took up their abode upon what later became known as the old Wagner homestead in Greene township in 1848. This was at a time when Erie county was a border community and a wilderness, and from that formative period to the present the name of Wagner has stood exponent for sterling personal characteristics and the rights and privileges of citizenship. Purchasing a little farm of sixty-nine acres this pioneer couple cleared and improved their land, made a good home and reared their children, ten in number,—George, John, Peter A., Francis J., Anthony, Valentine, Anna, Elizabeth, Tillie and Katherine. Francis J. Wagner is now a priest in Brookville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, and two of the children, Anna and Tillie, are deceased.

After completing his education in the public schools of Greene township Peter A. Wagner entered upon his career as a farmer, and with the exception of a few years spent in the employ of the Belleville Mills he has ever since been a tiller of the soil. For some time his home was in North East township, and there he yet owns and manages

a fifteen acre vineyard and fruit farm. In 1898 he returned to the old Wagner homestead in Greene township, and here he has since followed general farming and dairying.

He married on the 18th of January, 1883, Miss Helen Allgeier. Benjamin Allgeier, her father, came to the United States from Germany in 1849, and locating in the city of Erie he worked in the chair factory there. He was married there to Catherine Spatch, also from the fatherland of Germany, and later the young couple came to Greene township and purchased a little farm of thirty acres. Mr. Allgeier erected a small chair factory on his land, and he supplemented its labors with the work of his fields. His children are: Albert, Mary, Helen, Tresia and Joseph J. To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have been born the following children: Benjamin J., Francis J., Patronella, John A., George S., Marshall and Irene Mary, but Marshall died in infancy. The family are members of St. Boniface Catholic church. Mr. Wagner is a Democrat and also a member of West Greene Grange.

Harry Marcus Lewis, of Harbor Creek township, was born in Swanville of Erie county, February 26, 1880, a son of Harry Whitlock and Susan (Meyers) Lewis and a grandson of Marcus Lewis. Harry M. and Susan Lewis were born respectively in Erie county and in Fairview township, Pennsylvania, and they were married at the latter place, where they lived for many years on a farm. The mother died when her son Harry was but an infant, and he was reared by his sister, Sarah Emma, who had married T. L. Rynder, a Presbyterian minister at Washington, D. C. When he had attained the age of fourteen he became a special delivery carrier at the Erie postoffice, and after two years there spent a similar period in the commission business in Erie. He was later with Russell and Company as a carpet salesman for five years, and was for four years a fireman on the Lake Shore Railroad.

On the 1st of February, 1906, Mr. Lewis was married to Georgia Chambers, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Erie county. The family is descended in this country from four brothers, James, Robert, Joseph and Benjamin, who came from county Antrim, Ireland, and locating first in the Cumberland Valley they came from there to Erie county between the years of 1726 and 1730. About the year of 1764 they laid out the town of Chambersburg, but which was then called Falling Spring, and Colonel Benjamin Chambers was chief proprietor. The names of these four brothers have since been prominent in the Chambers family. Ezekiel and Rebecca Jane (Stewart) Chambers, the great-grandparents of Mrs. Lewis, came in 1804 from Chambersburg to Mill Creek township in Erie county and bought land at a dollar an acre from the Population Company. This was in the early days of the county's history when the courts were held at Meadville. Among their children was James Chambers, whose wife was Adeline George, and among their children was Richard O. Chambers, the father of Mrs. Lewis. He was born in Harbor Creek township, and his wife, Clara M. Funston, was from Onondaga county, New York, and was an aunt of General Funston of Spanish-American war fame.

After his marriage Mr. Lewis built a pleasant home in Harbor Creek township, on a portion of the old Lewis farm, where he has thirty-two acres devoted to garden purposes and grape culture. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, a Royal Arcanum and an Odd Fellow in Erie and a member of the Church of Christ in that city.

DANIEL DEVILLO TURNER is one of the prominent agriculturists in Greene township, and nearly his entire business career has been passed within the borders of this township. He was born in Allegany county, New York, April 19, 1854, a son of Byron and Lucy (Place) Turner, also from that county. It was as early as 1858 that they came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, and selecting Wayne township as their home they purchased forty or fifty acres of land there, but later selling that farm they bought a home in Wesleyville, this state, and spent the remainder of their lives there. In their family were two children, the younger being J. E. Turner.

Daniel D. Turner, the elder, after completing his education in the Wayne township schools came to Greene township and secured employment in a cheese factory here. After seven years in that occupation he bought his present homestead of one hundred and twenty-five acres, and here he has since followed general farming pursuits and dairying.

Mr. Turner married, March 11, 1874, Miss Lou Hill. Sylvester Hill and Maria, his wife, the parents of Mrs. Turner, were both born in Brookfield, Madison county, New York, but they afterward became residents of Corry, Pennsylvania. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Turner has been blessed by the birth of four children. Grace, the eldest, born April 10, 1875, is the wife of Frank Fritz, of Greene township, and their children are Theo, Velma and Russell. George, born on the 16th of September, 1877, died on the 14th of March, 1903. Blaine, born March 8, 1883, married Miss Altha Davison, of Mill Creek township, and they have one child, Luella. Paul, born August 19, 1889, is at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Turner and their son Paul are members of the Grange at West Greene and Mr. Turner is also a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, Samaritan Lodge of West Greene.

FRANKLIN M. COLE is a member of one of the oldest established families of Erie county, and from an early period in its development they have been identified with its agricultural life. He was born near Mill Village in 1842, a son of Rodney and Hannah (Smith) Cole, born respectively in Massachusetts and in Jefferson county, New York. His paternal grandfather, Oliver Cole, was born about the year of 1774, and he had a brother who served in the war of 1812, and the family were also represented in the war of the Revolution. This Oliver Cole moved from Massachusetts to the state of New York, and from there about the year of 1835 he came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, and established his home in Mill Village. There he bought a farm, but after a time sold that place and bought land in Greene township, where he spent the remainder of his life. Rodney Cole, his son, also followed agriculture as a life occupation, and he was serving the county of Erie as a commissioner at the time of the erection of the present court house.

During twenty years of the most active part of his business life Franklin M. Cole was at work in the Pennsylvania oil fields, and at the close of that period he returned to Greene township and bought the farm of fifty acres which he now owns. He has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Cole married in 1870 Miss Mary Smith, and their children are Archie, Forest and Frances. The first and last born are at home with their parents, but the second Forest, is in Illi-

nois, where he is serving as the principal of a high school; he is a graduate of Edinboro Normal School.

WHEELER C. WICKS. Well known among the residents of Corry, is Wheeler C. Wicks, who was here engaged in business for a number of years as an agriculturist. A son of Calvin Wicks, he was born, May 18, 1847, in Liberty, Sullivan county, New York. His grandparents, Asa and Almira (Bush) Wicks were born, bred and married in Connecticut. Leaving their New England home they followed the tide of migration westward to Sullivan county, New York, which was then covered with timber. Buying a tract of land in Liberty township, they established a home in the wilderness, and on the farm which they improved spent their remaining years.

Born on the parental homestead, in Sullivan county, Calvin Wicks obtained a thorough knowledge of pioneer farming during his youthful days, and also learned the blacksmith's trade. He subsequently bought a farm near Ferndale, that county, erected a smithy, and was there employed as a farmer and blacksmith the remainder of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Ann Eliza Wheeler. She was born in Sullivan county, near Stevensville, a daughter of Sylvester Wheeler. Her grandfather, Amos Wheeler, was born near Hartford, Connecticut, of colonial ancestry. Migrating in early manhood to Sullivan county, New York, he was a pioneer settler of Monticello, where he followed his trade of a shoemaker during his active career. He attained the extreme age of ninety-eight years, passing away at the home of his son Sylvester. Born and bred in Monticello, New York, Sylvester Wheeler there served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. After his marriage, he bought two hundred acres of land near Stevensville, and began the improvement of a homestead. Subsequently putting up a shop, he worked at his trade, his sons in the meantime carrying on the farm, and there resided until his death, when upwards of ninety years of age. He married first Miss Comstock, a native of Connecticut. She spent her last years in Monticello. Sylvester Wheeler married second Drusilla Smith, who died on the home farm at an advanced age. By his first marriage, he was the father of four children, and by his second union of twelve children, a truly patriarchal family. Eliza, who married, Calvin Wicks, was a daughter of his first wife. She is now living with a daughter in Ferndale, New York, being eighty-six years of age. She reared five children, namely: Wheeler C., Drusilla, Jane E., Edgar, and Katie.

Completing his early studies in the schools of Sullivan county, Wheeler C. Wicks enlisted, January 4, 1864, in Company D, Twenty-fifth New York Cavalry, went to Virginia, fought under Sheridan, remaining with his regiment, and taking part in its various marches, campaigns and battles, until April, 1865, when, on account of illness, he was sent to the hospital, at Clareville, Maryland. Being honorably discharged from the service June 16, 1865, Mr. Wicks returned to New York, and the same year, went, as a driver, with the Stone, Rosston and Murray Circus, to San Antonio, Texas, which was then a frontier town. The railway at that time extended but a few miles west of Houston, the journey from the railroad terminus being made overland. With the company, he visited all of the larger towns and cities of Texas. Resigning his position the following summer, Mr. Wicks travelled with the Reynolds Circus through Mississippi and Louisiana, remaining with it a year and a half. Going then to Manhattan, Kansas, he resided there a short time,

after which he located in Abilene, Kansas, where he found employment in herding cattle, and on different occasions driving large herds of stock to Omaha, Grand Island, and Fort McPherson. In 1871, Mr. Wicks took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Nebraska, in Webster county, which was practically owned by the government at that time. There were then no railways in that section of the country, and Hastings, thirty miles away, was the nearest place of any importance, while Blue Springs, one hundred and twenty miles distant, was the principal depot for supplies. Buffalo were still plentiful, roaming in large herds. Building on his land, Mr. Wicks was there engaged in farming, including the raising of cattle, horses and hogs, until 1892, when he sold out. Coming then to Corry, he invested in real estate, and, with the exception of four years spent in Vandergrift, lived here until 1907. Going then to Vallejo, California, he resided there for some time, being employed at the Mare Island Navy Yard. Since his return to Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1908, he has resided in Corry.

Mr. Wicks has been twice married. He married first, in May, 1872, Sarah M. Fisher. She was born in Iowa City, Iowa, a daughter of King and Sophia Fisher, and died in 1885. He married second on June 18, 1888, Mrs. Henrietta R. (Moore) Tanner, a daughter of John Moore, and widow of R. L. Tanner. Mr. and Mrs. Wicks attend the Congregational church, and Mr. Wicks is a member of J. J. Andrew Post, No. 70, G. A. R.

Charles J. Runnels has been a life-long resident of Erie county, and has been prominent in the public life and business circles of his community. He was born in Le Boeuf township August 24, 1854, a son of Francis N. and Eunice (Walker) Runnels, natives respectively of New Hampshire and of Pennsylvania. Francis Runnels came with his father, Jonathan, and his family to Le Boeuf township, when but seven years old, and he was both a farmer and a miller, also buying and selling stock in his business life.

After a good education obtained in the public schools of Le Boeuf township and in the Edinboro Normal Charles J. Runnels began the work of cheese making, and during the four years which he was engaged in that occupation he also followed general farming, and agriculture has been his occupation to the present time. During six years he served Erie county as an auditor, and he has also held various township offices, his politics being Republican. In association with his son Guy he is now engaged in operating a creamery and a dairy farm. September 25, 1879, Mr. Runnels married Miss Ida Robinson, a daughter of O. D. and Catherine (Ellis) Robinson, who came to Elk Creek township in Erie county during an early period in its history. The children of this union are: Guy B., George W. and Hazel. George W. Runnels married Miss Cora Hardenger, and is now conducting a creamery at Edinboro.

Charles J. Runnels is a 32nd degree Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 425 at Waterford; Lodge of Perfection of Presque Isle of Erie; Consistory at Pittsburg; Shriners at Erie; and also the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 349 at Mill Village. He has passed all the chairs. He is a member of Encampment No. 73 at Erie and in the I. O. O. F. he has been delegate to the Grand Lodge.

Edwin M. Cherry. Recognized as one of the most intelligent men and thorough-going agriculturists of Erie county, Edwin M. Cherry

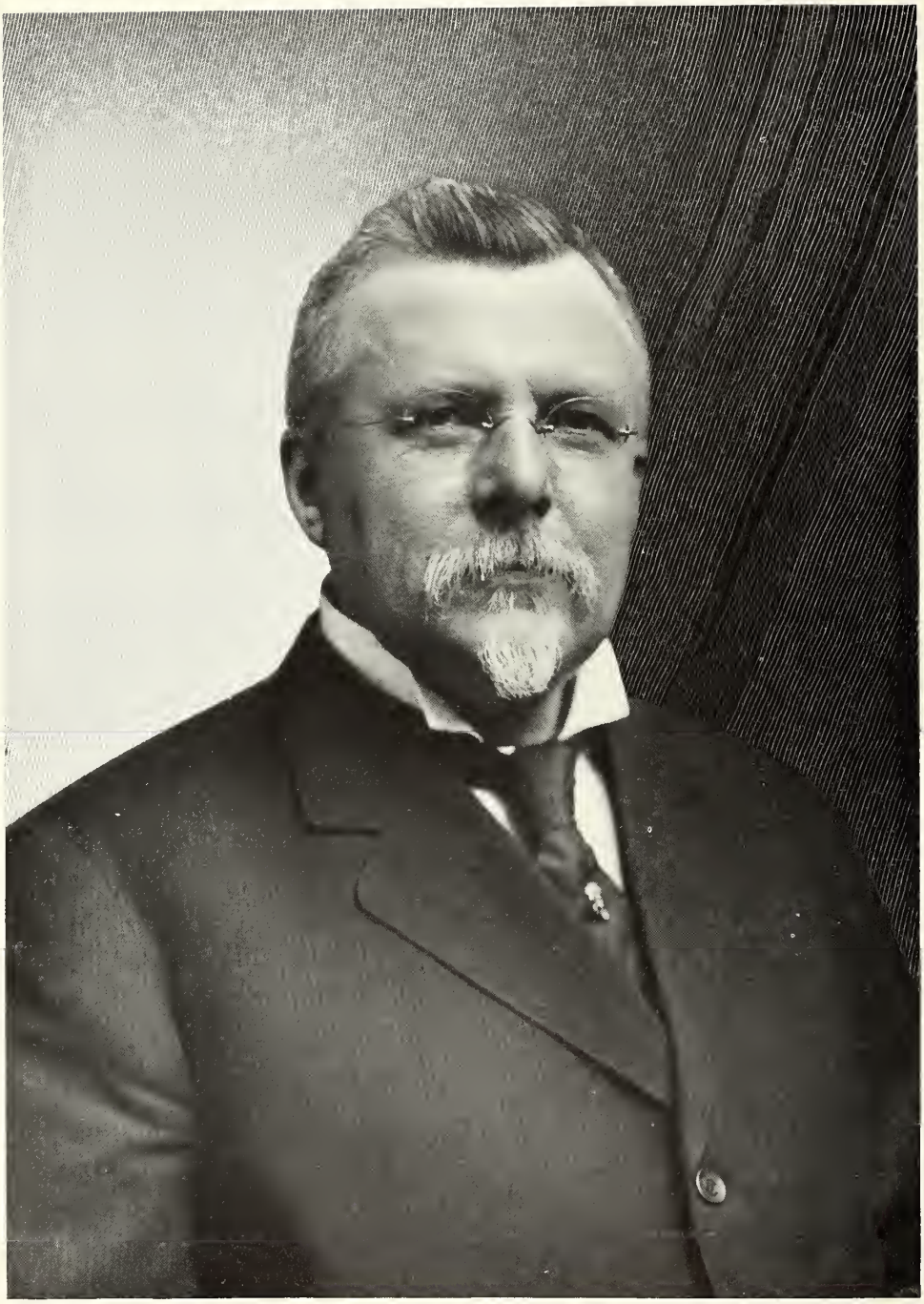
owns and occupies as comfortable and well-equipped a farm as can be found in Conneaut township. A son of the late William Cherry, he was born, July 19, 1854, in Sauk county, Wisconsin. His grandfather, William Cherry, M. D., was for many years successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Illinois.

William Cherry was born and reared in Illinois, moving from there to Wisconsin in early life. Soon after the first call for troops during the Civil war, he enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment, and served in the army until his death, April 4, 1862, aged thirty-five years. He married Kaziah Moore, a daughter of Thomas Moore, of Connecticut, who served in the War of 1812, and of the children born of their union three are now living, namely: Edwin Cherry, of this sketch; John, a farmer; and Laura, wife of Austin Culver, a farmer in Erie county. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Kaziah (Moore) Cherry married for her second husband James Cross, and subsequently lived in Conneaut township, Erie county, on the old Cross homestead, until her death, April 4, 1863. One child was born of her second marriage, a son named William Cross.

Coming with his mother to Erie county after the death of his father, Edwin M. Cherry received a part of his early education in the public schools of Albion, after which he studied for two terms in the Edinboro Normal School. Having a natural liking for the water, he subsequently found employment on different Lake Erie vessels, continuing thus occupied for awhile. Locating then in Conneaut township, Mr. Cherry had charge of the Powers stock farm for two years, after which he bought a farm in Spring township, where he lived and labored twelve years. Selling that property, Mr. Cherry purchased his present farm of eighty acres in Conneaut township, it being advantageously located at the mouth of Cherry creek, north of Albion. It is well improved, his fertile and well-tilled fields responding readily to his labors, each season yielding bountiful harvests. Since his boyhood days Mr. Cherry has been much interested in scientific studies, and on July 2, 1909, he received a diploma from the American College of Mechano-Therapy, of Chicago.

Mr. Cherry married, in 1881, Alice M. Knapp, who was born February 16, 1860, a daughter of James A. Knapp, and grand-daughter of Alonzo and Angeline (Gardner) Knapp, early pioneers of Erie county. James A. Knapp, for many years a farmer in Chautauqua county, New York, died June 23, 1888, aged sixty-two years. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Prussia, five children were born, as follows: Lois, widow of the late C. M. Sargeant; Jennie, unmarried, lives in Toledo, Ohio; S. L., living with his mother on the home farm; Charles, of Albion, Pennsylvania, is an engineer on the Bessemer Railway; and Alice M., now Mrs. Cherry. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are the parents of six children, namely: Clare Gordon, born December 14, 1883, is a telephone lineman in Albion; Claude, born in 1884, is station agent at Edinburg; Truman, born in March, 1887, assists his father on the farm; Grace, born June 12, 1894, is a pupil in the Edinboro Normal School, and also teaches music; Earl, born January 30, 1901; and Myron, born February 4, 1899.

Mr. Cherry is both enterprising and progressive, availing himself at all times of the latest improved machinery and appliances for hastening and lightening his work, and has in use on his farm a gasoline power engine for cutting timber and pumping water, and for various other purposes. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and has served as judge of



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elections. He is a member of the United Brethren church, to which his wife likewise belongs, and both are members of the Grange.

Dr. Edward Cranch, one of the leading homeopaths of Pennsylvania, has been prominent as a physician and surgeon of Erie for the past third of a century. A native of New York City, born October 16, 1851, the commencement of his genealogy rests in one Richard Cranch, a rigid Puritan of Dartsmouth, Devonshire, England. He represented one of several generations of woolen manufacturers. Richard Cranch, his great-grandson, was the first of the family to come to America, settling at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1746, and there following his trade as a watchmaker and in the later period of his life becoming postmaster, judge, colonial senator and a citizen generally of marked public influence. This American ancestor was born in Kingsbridge, Devonshire, October 26, 1726; married Mary, daughter of Rev. William Smith, and of their union was one son, William, born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, July 17, 1769. The William mentioned last was educated in the law; went to the national capital in 1794; was one of the first Commissioners of the District of Columbia and served for five years as associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, under appointment of his uncle, President John Adams, after which, at the unanimous request of the Washington bar, President Thomas Jefferson elevated him to the chief justiceship, which he retained until his death, September 1, 1855. His wife Nancy was a daughter of William Greenleaf, who was sheriff of Boston during the Revolutionary war and first read the Declaration of Independence in that city. William and Nancy Cranch, the grandparents of Dr. Cranch, had thirteen children born to them—the seventh, John, at Washington, District of Columbia, on the 2nd of February, 1807. This son, after graduating from Columbian University, in 1826, studied art in Paris, Rome and Florence for some four years, and then located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he painted the portraits of many celebrated men of his time. On April 15, 1845, he married Charlotte, daughter of Charles H. Appleton, of Baltimore, Maryland, and after their marriage they moved to Boston, where three children were born to them:—Hannah who married Thomas F. Moses, president of Urbana (Ohio) University, and Richard and John, who died in infancy. From Boston the family moved to New York City, where the father became a member of the National Academy of Design and had his studio in the old University building. Three years later they went to Washington. The father died at Urbana, Ohio, on the 6th of January, 1891. One of the brothers of the deceased (uncle of the doctor) was Christopher P. Cranch, the poet and artist.

It was while the family resided in New York, as stated, that Edward Cranch was born. In 1866 he was placed under the tutelage of his brother-in-law, Dr. T. F. Moses, pursuing his studies for two years in Hamilton county, Ohio, and afterward entering Columbian University, Washington. He graduated from that institution in 1871 with the degree Ph. B., leading his class in scholarship. Although he completed a classical course, he had already commenced the study of medicine in 1871, enlisting the same year in the United States army. He was at once appointed hospital steward and served in the surgeon general's office for three years, completing his medical course in the New York Homeopathic College from which he graduated in 1875. The following year he was deputy superintendent and resident physician in the New York Homeopathic Surgical Hospital (now known as Hahnemann Hospital).

In 1876, thoroughly equipped for both the medical and surgical practice of his profession, Dr. Cranch located at Erie, Pennsylvania, where he soon gained a position in the front ranks of his associates and has since continuously advanced. For years he has made a special and thorough study of materia medica, and many of his papers are recorded in the transactions of the various societies of which he is a member. Among these is the national association of his school, the American Institute of Homeopathy. By appointment of successive governors, the doctor has served for fourteen years on the State Board of Medical Examiners, and is a member of the State and County Homeopathic Medical associations. He was one of the original members of the International Hahnemannian Association, an influential organization still existing.

In 1875 Dr. Cranch married Miss Rouette F. Hunt, daughter of Professor J. W. Hunt, of Washington, District of Columbia, where the ceremony occurred. Mrs. Cranch, who is a native of Boston, is the mother of Charles E., Arthur G., Raymond G., Walter A., Eliot G., Edith R. and Eugene T. Cranch. Both the doctor and his wife are members of the New Church (Swedenborgian), with which they united November 18, 1888.

Rev. Adolph L. Benze. Pure, constant and noble was the spiritual flame that burned in and illumined the mortal tenement of Adolph Leopold Benze, late pastor of St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran church, in the city of Erie, where he labored with all of consecrated zeal and gave of the best of his strong and exalted nature for the uplifting of his fellow men. His strength was as the number of his days, and now that he rests from his labors there yet remain the definite results of his labors and influence, whose angle of beneficence must continue to widen through the further endeavors of those whose characters and lives he aided in moulding. His memory is revered in the city which so long represented his home, and it is most consonant that in this publication a tribute of honor be accorded him.

Adolph Leopold Benze was born in the historic old Fortress of Thorn, Prussia, on the 18th of September, 1833, and was a son of Frederick and Eva Maria (dePomalianski) Benze, the latter of whom was a representative of a prominent family of the ancient Polish nobility. At the time of the birth of the subject of this memoir his father was a cavalry officer in the Prussian army. Later the father received his honorable discharge, with the rank of captain, and was then appointed prison inspector of a large district. He was the descendant and one of the heirs of an old and influential Brunswick family, whose history is authentically traced back to 1650, near the close of the thirty-years' war. The family seat was at Velpke, Brunswick, and there the venerable manse, of the typical Saxon architecture, is still standing, in an excellent state of preservation, though it was erected in 1725. As proprietors of extensive and noted sandstone quarries the male ancestors all became artisans with the chisel, and from their hands came the finest of ornamental stone carvings, many examples of which are still extant. The vicissitudes of military life caused Frederick Benze to become forever separated from the vocation followed by his ancestors for many generations, and he continued in official government service in his native land until within a few years of his death.

Adolph L. Benze secured his early educational discipline at Neustadt, Prussia, and after two years of travel in Hungary and Germany he came to America in 1854, at which time he was twenty-one years of age. He located at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and thereafter completed his classical education in Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, where he was graduated. Having decided to prepare himself for the ministry of the German Evangelical Lutheran church, he was soon afterward matriculated in the theological seminary connected with the same college, and here he was graduated as a member of the class of 1864, in which year he was duly ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran ministerium of Pennsylvania. His first call was to the pastorate of the Lutheran church at Warren, this state, where he remained for eight years and where he well proved his fitness for the holy calling in which he was destined to attain so much of success and prestige.

In May, 1872, Mr. Benze received a call to the pastoral charge of St. John's Lutheran Church in Erie, and here it was his lot to continue his labors until he was summoned to the life eternal, on the 18th of January, 1891. Not only did he accomplish a splendid work in the advancing of the spiritual welfare of his parish, but he proved equally masterful in forwarding the material prosperity of his church, which, through his earnest and devoted efforts, came to represent the largest Protestant congregation in the city of Erie. The correlation of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the church was thoroughly appreciated by him, and well did he employ the talents committed to his keeping. He was a man of fine intellectuality, a natural student and one of contemplative mind, but this did not cause him to lose sight of the value of the practical side of religious work, in which his power of accomplishment was signally great. He was a most effective pulpit orator, eloquent, persuasive and dignified, and his every statement rang true of sincerity and well fortified faith. His reputation as a speaker far transcended mere local bounds, and he became known as one of the leading clergymen of his church in Pennsylvania. His literary taste was chaste and refined, his diction pure and fluent, and in his various contributions to secular and church papers he showed not only a distinctive power in didactic writing but also a deep sense of the relative values in the scheme of human existence. There was no obliquity of vision, and his view point was ever one of broad angle and clear definition. His ability as a writer on general topics led on more than one occasion to his being importuned to assume the editorship of one of the best known German papers in the United States, but he never wavered in his allegiance to the sacred vocation in which he felt lay his greatest opportunity for the accomplishment of good for his fellow men. His heart was attuned to sympathy, and he was tolerant in his judgment, as must be every man with so wide mental ken and so mature judgment. The versatility of his talents was further shown by his publication of a volume of songs, for which he wrote both the music and the words. He was most happy in metrical composition, and his poems and songs bear the impress of lofty thought and emotional power. His musical scores also have definite value from a critical standpoint and from the appealing beauty of their lyric quality.

A man so admirably equipped for leadership naturally would show his loyalty by a definite interest in public affairs, and this was significantly true in the case of Mr. Benze, who gave his aid and influence in support of all measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the

community and who kept in close touch with the vital questions and issues of the hour. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party. When he was called from the scene of life's endeavors the city of Erie manifested its sense of bereavement and personal loss, and the church over whose destinies he had so long presided acknowledged by reverent grief the deprivation that fell to its portion. A gentle, noble, godly man passed to his reward and the compensation for his loss lies in the gracious memories of his labors, his winning personality and the fact that in all truth "his works do follow him."

On the 8th of September, 1864, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Benze to Miss Elizabeth Kiehl, who was born in Erlenbach, Hessen, Germany, on the 26th of October, 1839, a daughter of Jacob and Saloma Kiehl. She survives her honored husband, to whom she was ever a devoted companion and helpmeet, and the seven children of this union also survive the father, their names in order of birth being as follows: Charles Theodore, Gustav Adolphus, Leopold Otto, Marie Louise, Albert Louis, Emma C., and Frederick W.

Rev. Charles Theodore Benze, eldest of the children of the distinguished subject of above memoir, has followed in his father's footsteps and has thus shown himself fully appreciative of the precept and example of the late pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, to whom it must have been most gratifying that two of his sons should enter the ministry and carry forward the vigilant labor in the vineyard of the divine Master. Rev. Charles T. Benze is now incumbent of the pastorate of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran church of Erie, and in his personality and sacerdotal offices is well upholding the honors of the name which he bears. He was born at Warren, this state, on the 19th of September, 1865, and his early educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools. He was graduated in the Erie high school as a member of the class of 1883, and thereafter he was for a number of years a teacher of the German language, first in the Erie grammar schools and later in the high school. In the field of pedagogy he was popular and successful, but he heeded the summons to a higher vocation and began the work of preparing himself for the ministry. In 1897 he was graduated in the Chicago Theological Seminary, and in the same year received the orders of ordination, after which he assumed the pastorate of Christ Evangelical Lutheran church at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. In 1898 he became his brother's coadjutor in St. John's church, in Erie, where he served as associate pastor until 1906, when he accepted the call to St. Stephen's, a mission which had been established by Rev. Gustav A. Benze, his brother. Of this pastoral charge he has since remained incumbent, and his labors have not been denied a goodly fruitage, both spiritual and temporal. On the 15th of October, 1908, Mr. Benze started on a tour of inspection of the missions of the Evangelical Lutheran churches in India, and he remained abroad in this work until April, 1909, gaining valuable experience and many pertinent data relative to the work in the field mentioned. His investigations cannot but have potent influence in forwarding the interests of the church in India, as his reports and suggestions have been given forth to the various synods of his church in the United States. He is president of the Pittsburg synod, and is one of the prominent and influential clergymen of his church in Pennsylvania. He has inherited much of his father's gift of effective pulpit oratory as

well as administrative ability, and his pastorate of St. Stephen's has been one marked by most successful work. He is a member of the Pennsylvania German Society, the Pennsylvania Prison Society, and the Erie County Historical Society.

Rev. Charles T. Benze was united in marriage to Miss Hermenia Ohl, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who was born at Quakertown Pennsylvania, and they have one son, Winifred Theodore.

Rev. Gustav Adolphus Benze, second son of Rev. Adolph L., whose memorial tribute precedes, succeeded his father in the pastorate of St. John's church, where he is proving himself altogether faithful and zealous in advancing the work so long entrusted to his loved father. He was born at Warren, this state, on the 11th of January, 1867, and, like his elder brother, is indebted to the public schools of Erie for his early educational discipline. He was graduated in the high school as a member of the class of 1884, and in 1886 he was graduated in Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Thereafter he was for two years a student in the theological seminary at Gettysburg, this state, and in 1889 he was graduated in the theological seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the city of Philadelphia. His ordination occurred in 1889, and his first charge was that of Drake's Mills and Corry, Pennsylvania, where he remained until February 18, 1891, when, upon the death of his father, he succeeded to the pastorate of St. John's church in Erie, where he has since labored earnestly and effectively and with a deep appreciation of his stewardship. He is president of the Erie Conference and has held this office for the past decade; is president of the Lutheran Home for the Aged, at Erie; and a member of the Church Extension Society of Erie and vicinity. He also holds membership in the Erie County Historical Society and the Erie Chamber of Commerce.

In 1903 was celebrated the marriage of Rev. Gustav A. Benze to Miss Alice L. Fourspring, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a daughter of John H. Fourspring, now a resident of Erie.

The Jackman Family, which has been identified with the agricultural and civic progress of Wayne township for more than half a century, is of English origin, its American progenitor being James Jackman, of Exeter, who located in Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1635. Richard, the youngest of his six sons, was born February 6, 1859, and on June 10, 1682, married Miss Elizabeth Plummer. Of this union were three children of whom James, the youngest (also a direct ancestor of the Jackson family in Wayne township, was born September 5, 1686. His wife (nee Mary French) bore him four children and the third, Daniel, was born on January 9, 1725. Daniel married Eleanor Merrill, February 28, 1753, and they had seven children, of whom Moses, the fifth, was born June 16, 1759. This son, in turn, wedded Miss Elizabeth Carr, June 1, 1789, and the fruits of their union were five sons, of whom Daniel was born January 11, 1791; Moses F., June 28, 1792; James, April 7, 1793; William, January 23, 1795; and Levi, July 28, 1797.

Daniel, Jr., who was the grandfather of Corrin D., a representative of the present generation, married Jerusha Humphrey, the husband dying June 26, 1860, and the wife, July 4, 1873. To this couple were born the following children: Betsey, August 28, 1814; Nancy, January 2, 1816;

Roxey, June 10, 1818; Selinda, May 14, 1821; Warren, July 19, 1823; Orsemus, May 24, 1827; Joseph, August 29, 1830; James and Gracia J. (twins), February 1, 1833; Darius, November 11, 1834, and Lucinda, November 10, 1840. Moses F. Jackman, an uncle of these children, married Phoebe Mallison, born July 30, 1790, and they became the parents of Jeremiah, born November 20, 1814; Sarah, August 9, 1819; Julia, February 18, 1823, and Lydia, January, 10, 1826. James Jackman, a brother of the above named Moses F., married Miss Gracia Beardsley, who was born April 28, 1803 and gave birth to the following children: Augustus, February 26, 1819; Warren, March 20, 1822; Rachael, July 11, 1824; Rachel, February 12, 1827; Louise, August 28, 1832, and William, August 17, 1835.

James Jackman, an uncle of Corrin D., married Miss Betsey A. Parsons, who was born September 28, 1838. Their union occurred March 5, 1860, and their children were as follows: Addie C., born December 9, 1861; Frank, in 1864 (deceased); Fannie, in 1866; Charles N., in 1867; George, in 1875 (deceased), and Edna L., in 1877. The mother of this family died on the 16th of November, 1900. James Jackman moved from Columbus township, Warren county, Pennsylvania, to Erie county, in the year 1857. He first purchased and improved a tract of thirty-two acres, sold that property and then bought a farm of one hundred and three acres in Wayne township, which he has cleared, cultivated, improved and transformed into his comfortable and valuable homestead as it stands today. For forty years of this period he also worked at his trade as a carpenter and joiner, and as he has given a generous share of his time to the discharge of the duties connected with the offices of assessor, auditor, school director and road commissioner, it is evident that both his hands and his mind have been full of useful work.

Joseph S. Jackman, the father, was born August 29, 1830, and in 1851 married Miss Zylphia L. Doane. They became the parents of the following children: Mercy A., born June 9, 1853; Arthur D., October 16, 1854; Afton L., February 1, 1857; Lee J., October 22, 1859, and died February 17, 1900; Kate L., born July 16, 1861; Byron D., May 14, 1863; Florence E., December 20, 1868 and Corrin D., born January 21, 1875. The father died some years ago, but his widow, born at Bear Lake, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1832, is still living (1909) at the age of seventy-seven years.

Charles N. Jackman, the fourth child and second son of James Jackman married Miss Nettie Munn, and they became the parents of Jessie, born May 31, 1895; Mabel, in September, 1897, and Hazel M., March 19, 1907. Edna L., the youngest daughter of James and Betsey (Parsons) Jackman, became the wife of L. York, of Warren county, Pennsylvania, in November, 1904.

Corrin D. Jackman, son of Joseph and Zylphia Jackman, was born in Columbus township, January 21, 1875, Warren county, Pennsylvania, but was reared and educated in Wayne township, and became a permanent resident of Erie county in 1898. He is a practical and successful farmer. He has owned the fine dairy farm of one hundred and forty acres which he now occupies since 1900, his product being obtained from a select herd of Holsteins and his operations including the manufacture of a first-class grade of butter. In 1897 Mr. Jackman wedded Miss Mabel Raymond, daughter of Jack and Eva Raymond, and to this union were

born the following: Vinora, September 15, 1900; Nina, September 17, 1902, and Joseph, September 21, 1903. Mrs. Jackman herself is a native of Wayne township, born in 1877. Mr. Jackman is a Republican and a member of the Maccabees of Clymer, New York.

Rock Asbestos Roofing Company, one of the important concerns of Erie with headquarters at 1227 State street, was established by H. A. Wilbur, of that city, in 1900. At that time the plant was located at 1120 Peach street and was a small affair with a very limited capital. On February 3, 1906, the business was moved to its present location and the facilities of the plant were greatly increased. The company manufactures the paints used in its roofing, the material for which is made according to its specifications, with the exception of the asbestos which is imported. Under the energetic and able promotion of Mr. Wilbur the house has reached the point where it has absorbed the bulk of Erie's business in the line of modern roofing, and also carries out large contracts in other cities. Recently, the company fulfilled a contract in Pittsburg which required the services of sixty-seven men in that city, as well as those of seventeen men in the home plant. One of the new and strong features of the business is a guarantee on work and material, which has run as high as ten years. In mechanical execution and business methods everything is so up-to-date and confidence-inspiring that the establishment is a recognized leader among the industries of Erie and is progressing both rapidly and substantially.

H. A. Wilbur, head of the Rock Asbestos Roofing Company, is a native of Ohio, born at Saybrook, six miles west of Ashtabula, Ohio, on July 8, 1877. The family came originally from New York state, the father, Abner, settling first in Franklin, Pennsylvania. From Franklin he moved to Saybrook and is now principal of the high school at Binghamton, New York, having been an educator since his early manhood. The son was reared in Ashtabula from the age of two years. After receiving a high school education, he entered business as a collector for the E. G. Maynard Coal Company of that city, obtaining his first experience in the roofing business when he was eighteen years of age. He was employed in that line for some time by Willis Good and also conducted a business of his own. Realizing the need of more capital to place such an enterprise on a broad basis, he continued in salaried positions for several years before he located in Erie to successfully launch the Rock Asbestos Roofing Company, in 1890. Mr. Wilbur is a married man, his wife's maiden name being Kate Rose Herman and Baltimore her native city. They have one son, Herman Abner Wilbur. Aside from his business prominence, Mr. Wilbur is a well known member of the orders of Ben Hur and Odd Fellows, in the latter fraternity having been identified with New Castle (Pennsylvania) Lodge, No. 1118 and Canton Lodge, No. 12, of Erie.

Dr. David N. Dennis, a practicing physician of Erie and a specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Grafton, December 25, 1858. His family, coming from England, established in New England in 1630, is one of the oldest in that section of the United States. The doctor's parents, Edward Parker and Jessie (Moore) Dennis, were natives respectively of Somers and Oxford, Massachusetts. For a number of years his father was

engaged in merchandise at Milledgeville, Georgia, but during the later portion of his life engaged in farming at Grafton, Massachusetts. He entered into rest in 1866, his wife having passed away six years prior to that time.

Dr. Dennis secured his preliminary education through the public schools of Grafton and Westboro, Massachusettts, a private school in Augusta, Georgia, and Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts. He read medicine with Dr. Lemuel Hammond of Worcester, entering at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in the autumn of 1878, from which he graduated in 1881. He served in the out-patient departments of Pennsylvania and Jefferson Hospitals, the Catherine Street Dispensary, and for three years he served as assistant to Professor William Thomson in the ophthalmic department of the Jefferson College Hospital. After practicing for a brief period at Worcester, Massachusetts and Killingly, Connecticut, in 1885 he located in Erie. Since that time Dr. Dennis has confined his professional labors to the treatment of affections of the eye and ear. From 1886 to 1906 he was attending ophthalmic surgeon to Hamot Hospital of Erie, and in the latter year was made consulting surgeon to that institution. Through his efforts an eye and ear division was established, the only hospital in northern Pennsylvania to have a distinct division of this kind. At present he is president of the Board of Managers of the hospital.

The doctor is also a member of the Erie County Medical Society, where he has served as secretary and was twice elected president. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology. He is in affiliation with all the Masonic bodies of the city and belongs to the Erie Club and the Erie Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director.

Dr. Dennis' wife was formerly Miss Camilla, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Yeager) Loder of Philadelphia. The father was born at Bellefont, New Jersey, and the mother at Allentown, Pennsylvania. This union has been blessed by three children: Edward Parker, Dorothy Moore and Camilla Elizabeth Dennis.

Abner C. Joslin, the retired farmer and veteran citizen of Lundy's Lane, Erie county, has not only earned high honor as a faithful and able servant of the public, but has an especial claim to distinction in that he is the oldest living member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the state of Pennsylvania. For fifty-seven years he was identified with the order at Albion, and for two decades has been an honored Mason. Mr. Joslin was born in Bennington, Genesee county, New York, on the 12th of December, 1821, and is a son of William and Hannah (Gelpin) Joslin. The father was a native of Oneida county, that state, who was born in 1797 and died August 7, 1870. His wife, who was the daughter of Caleb Gelpin, a Revolutionary soldier, was born September 8, 1801, and died April 5, 1891. The grandparents of Mr. Joslin were Nehemiah and Martha (Chase) Joslin, both born in the Empire state. In 1830 William Joslin, the father, settled in Erie county south of Wellsburg and spent the remainder of his life as a farmer of that vicinity. He was either an ardent Whig or Republican all his life; a citizen who gave his honest and able assistance to the conduct of the various township offices to

which he was called, and who was steadfast in his adherence to the faith of Methodism. During the war of 1812 he performed a good service by hauling government supplies for the support and relief of American soldiers. He died as the good father of seven sons and two daughters, the former of whom are all deceased with the exception of Abner C., who also has two sisters living—Martha, who resides at Wellsburg, and Laura, also a resident of that place and the wife of William Kelsey, retired.

The first marriage of Abner C. Joslin was to Miss Olive H. Scott, March 22, 1825, and at her death December 20, 1868, she had become the mother of Cynthia (deceased), William (living at home); Lauren, who is a resident of Conneaut, Ohio; Fred, also deceased; Frank, who is a manufacturer located at Aurora, Ohio; and Flora Bell, now Mrs. J. Lydell. Mr. Joslin wedded for his second wife Miss Jane Hartshorn Godfrey, who was born November 27, 1863, and died November 29, 1906, an admirable and a beloved wife and mother. The deceased was the daughter of A. P. and Thursday (Bailey) Hartshorn, her father being a skilled cooper and a pioneer of Girard, Pennsylvania. The two children of this second marriage were Earl, who died in infancy, and Clare De Forest Joslin. Abner Joslin is a Republican and he cast his first presidential vote for William H. Harrison.

Clare D. Joslin was born near Wellsburg, September 29, 1878, and after leaving school, at the age of seventeen, engaged in farming for three years. He then entered the employ of the Bessemer Railway and remained in its service for eight years. In 1907 he accepted the agency for Erie county of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, and at the same time entered into the management of the paternal farm. Of both ventures he has made the most pronounced success. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Albion and the Knights of Pythias, of Wellsburg, and is also closely identified with Grange No. 997. On June 28, 1906, Mr. Joslin was married to Miss Florence Bryan, who was born June 29, 1880, and is a daughter of Cyrus J. and Lucinda (Ester) Bryan. Her maternal grandparents were George A. and Hannah (Wilcox) Ester, the former holding the office of assessor of Erie for a period of twenty-two years. The Ester family originated in Germany, where was born the great-grandfather, George L. Ester. Mrs. Joslin is a graduate of the Edinboro Normal School, and after completing the two years' course therein was a teacher for six years in McKean township, two years in the Wellsburg high school and one year assistant principal of the high school at Cochranton, Pennsylvania. She has a brother, Clarence F., who is a teacher in the Northeastern College, at Wellsburg, and a sister, Daisy, who is the wife of Frank Bayle, of Waterford, Pennsylvania. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joslin, Paul Bryan, June 13, 1907.

Charles Hamot Strong has been an important factor in the industrial development of Erie, and he is recognized as one of the thoroughly representative citizens of his ntaive city, where his business interests are of wide scope and varied order, besides which he has the distinction of being a scion of one of the old and honored families of Erie county, with whose annals the name has been identified for fully a century. Mr. Strong was born in the city of Erie, on the 14th of March, 1853, and is

the only son of Dr. Landaff and Catharine Cecilia (Hamot) Strong. The Strong family genealogy as represented in the branch which was founded in Erie county, Pennsylvania, near the end of the eighteenth century, by immigration from East Windsor, Connecticut, is briefly traced in paragraphs following:

The founder of the family in Erie county was Martin Strong, who came from Connecticut, and, after traversing the mountains and making his way through the dense forests of northwestern Pennsylvania, finally made permanent location in what is now Waterford township, Erie county. Here he eventually became the owner of about one thousand acres of land, which he secured from the government and a very considerable portion of which he reclaimed from the primeval forest. The major portion of this extensive landed estate is still held in the possession of his immediate descendants,—resident farmers near the old homestead.

Martin Strong was born in East Windsor, Connecticut, on the 20th of November, 1770, and died in Erie county, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1858. He was the son of Timothy and Abi (Gowdy) Strong, of East Windsor, Connecticut. Timothy Strong was a son of Jacob and Abigail (Bissell) Strong, the former of whom was a son of John and Elizabeth (Warrener) Strong. John Strong, the great-grandfather, was a son of Elder John and Abigail (Ford) Strong, and Elder John Strong was, in turn, a son of Richard Strong, who was born in county Caernarvon, Wales, in 1561, and who died in Taunton, Somerset county, England, in 1613. The marriage of Elder John Strong and Abigail Ford was solemnized in 1630, and on March 20th of that year they set sail from Plymouth, England, with the Warham company comprising one hundred and forty persons, for America. They arrived at Nantucket, Massachusetts, on the 30th of the following May, and Elder Strong and his bride took up their abode soon thereafter in Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1635 they removed to Hingham, and in the following year they took up their residence in Boston, where they remained until 1638, when they removed to Taunton, Massachusetts. Subsequently to 1644 they became residents of Windsor, Connecticut, where Elder John Strong had been appointed to bring about a settlement, in company with four others, —Captain John Mason, Roger Ludlow, Israel Stoughton, and Henry Walcott. From authentic data it appears that Elder Strong finally established his home in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Martin Strong, grandfather of Charles H. Strong, and familiarly known in Erie county by the courtesy title of captain, was twice married. In East Windsor, Connecticut, he wedded Hannah Trask, and they had one daughter, who died early in life. After the death of his first wife he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Drake, in East Windsor, Connecticut, where she was born on the 10th of September, 1778. She died in Erie county, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1866. She was a daughter of Amasa and Lydia (Webb) Drake, of East Windsor, and in the paternal line was a direct descendant from John Drake who came with his wife Elizabeth (Rogers) Drake, from England to Boston in 1630. He purchased land at Taunton, Massachusetts, but prior to 1639 established his home at Windsor, Connecticut. The genealogy is further traced back in a direct line, through a number of generations in England, to a John Drake of Ashe, Devonshire, who married Christian Billett, in 1360. Captain Martin Strong and his second wife, Sarah (Drake) Strong, became the parents of seven children, of whom five attained to

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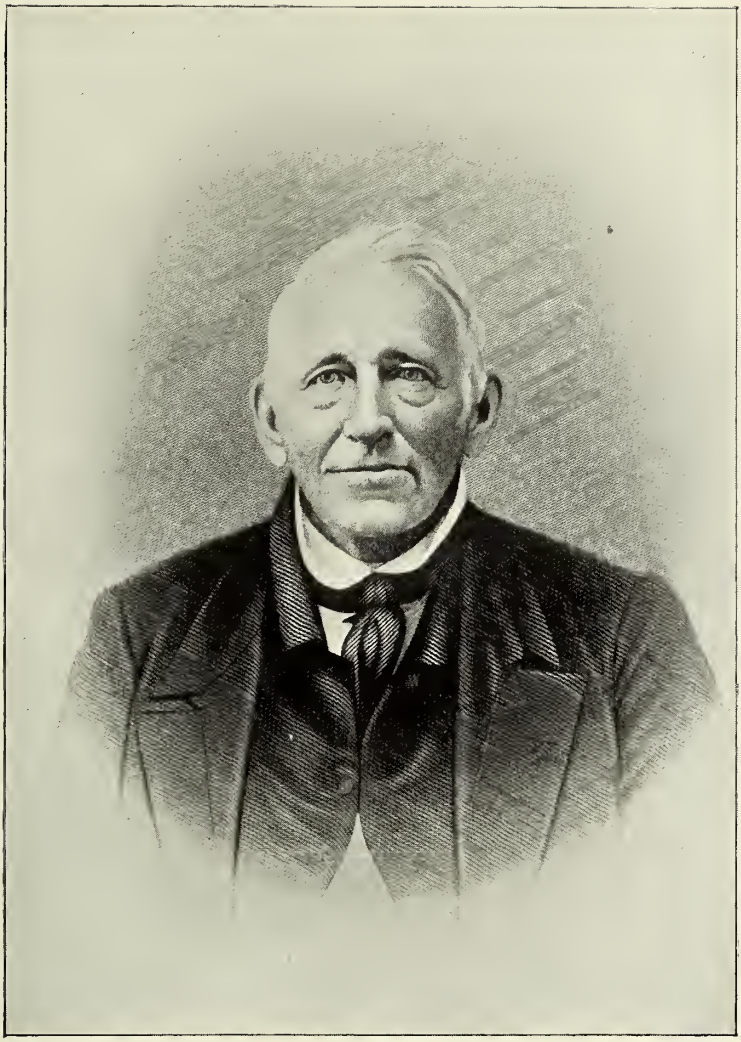

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years of maturity: Sarah, the wife of the late Bethuel B. Vincent; Major Martin Strong, of Summit township; Frank Strong, of the same township; Lydia, wife of the late Thomas B. Vincent; and Dr. Landaff Strong, who was the youngest of the children, all now deceased. All were born in Summit township, Erie county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Landaff Strong, son of Captain Martin and Sarah (Drake) Strong, was born on the old homestead in Summit township, this county, on the 30th of December, 1821, and he died in the city of Erie on the 13th of July, 1869. He was a graduate of Washington (now Trinity) College, in Hartford, Connecticut, in which institution he was a member of the class of 1842 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the medical department of the University of the City of New York he was graduated in 1846, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For several years he was engaged in the successful practice of his profession in Erie, but finally retired from active labors as a physician and surgeon, after which he was associated with his brother-in-law, George W. Starr, in the ownership and conducting of the Reed House drug store, until the hotel and adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire. Thereafter he lived virtually retired until his death. He was a man of high intellectual attainments and was a citizen of prominence and influence in his native county, where he ever held the unqualified confidence and esteem of all who knew him. Though never manifesting aught of ambition for public office, he was deeply interested in all that tended to conserve the welfare of his native county and home city, and his political support was given to the Democratic party, from the time of its organization until his death. In St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, on the 8th of May, 1849, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Catharine Cecilia Hamot, of Erie, and they became the parents of two children, Charles Hamot Strong, whose name initiates this article, and Kate, who was born in Erie, July 5, 1856, and who is now the wife of Edward Higginson, a representative member of the bar of Fall River, Massachusetts.

Catharine Cecilia (Hamot) Strong was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of April, 1829, and here her death occurred on the 12th of August, 1856. She was a daughter of Pierre Simon Vincent Hamot, who was born in Paris, France, November 28, 1784, and her mother, Elizabeth (Keefer) Hamot, who was born in Thorold, province of Ontario, Canada, November 18, 1797, died in Erie, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1866; at the time of her marriage to Mr. Hamot, she was the widow of Dr. Asa Coltrin, of the United States Army.

Pierre Simon Vincent Hamot, was a son of Marie Simon Hamot and Cecilia (Vandeperre) Hamot, of Paris, France. He came to America in 1802, as private secretary to the French consul at Philadelphia. The first years of his residence in the United States were spent in eastern cities, including Philadelphia, New York and Newport, Rhode Island. He finally took up his permanent residence in Erie, Pennsylvania, which he had first visited while en route to Detroit, Michigan. He became one of the honored and influential citizens of Erie, where his activities were many and varied, and a noble and enduring monument to his memory is the Hamot Hospital in this city. By his second marriage five children were born, and concerning them the following brief data are incorporated: Eugene Charles, who was born in Erie, September 15, 1826, died on the 3rd of October, 1827; Emily Elizabeth died in infancy; Catharine Cecilia (deceased) became the wife of Dr. Landaff Strong, as already

noted; Mary Adeline (deceased), widow of George W. Starr; Miss Hortense Louise, also deceased, the youngest of the children. Mr. Hamot had one daughter by his first marriage to Adeline Woodruff. Her name was Josephine Mary, and she was the wife of Stephen C. Walker of New York City, both deceased.

Elizabeth (Keefer) Hamot, the second wife of Pierre S. V. Hamot, was a daughter of George and Catharine (Lampman) Keefer, of Thorold, Ontaria, Canada. Her father was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, November 8, 1773, and died at his home in Thorold, Canada, June 25, 1858; there his wife died July 14, 1813, her birth having occurred in Niagara township, province of Ontario, Canada, April 26, 1778.

George Keefer was a son of George and Mary (Couck) Keefer, whose marriage was solemnized in Sussex county, New Jersey, in 1767. George Keefer (1st) was a son of Samuel and Ann (Waldruff) Keefer, who were married in the province of Alsace, France, now a part of Germany. Samuel Keefer was born on the banks of the river Ill, in a valley of the province of Alsace and near the historic old city of Strasburg. After his death his widow, a native of Westervallen, Germany, became the wife of Frederick Savarien, and they came from the south of France to America in 1749. George Keefer, the son of the first marriage, was two years of age at this time, and the family settled in Paulinskill, on Peppercorn creek, near Newton, province of New Jersey, where he was reared to maturity.

As indicated in the foregoing paragraphs Charles Hamot Strong has a lineage in which he may well take pride giving due meed of honor to those who have lived worthy lives and achieved worthy deeds in the past. He secured his preliminary educational discipline in the private schools of Erie, including the old Erie Academy, and in 1872 he went to New Haven, Connecticut, where for one year he pursued his studies under the tutorship of Thomas Thacher, who later became a prominent member of the bar of New York City. In June, 1873, he was matriculated in Yale University, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1877 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then returned to Erie, where he devoted about three months to reading law under the preceptorship of Judge Frank Gunnison. His intention at the time was to prepare himself for the legal profession, but he was soon drawn into another field of endeavor, and one in which he has attained to distinctive success and prestige. His business career was initiated by his assuming the position of shipping clerk in the rolling-mill department of the Mount Hickory Iron Works, in Erie, where he was thus employed about one year. At the expiration of this period a diametrical change was made in his position with this concern, as he then became president of the corporation operating the plant in Erie. He continued incumbent of this position until the mill was destroyed by fire, and a short time later he became president of the Union Coal Company, which operated mines at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, under leasehold from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The major portion of the output of these extensive mines was shipped from Erie to the various important ports on the Great Lakes. He continued president of this company until its dissolution, occasioned by the final adjustment of the affairs of the W. L. Scott Company, in which latter he had been a director and vice-president. He was also vice-president of the Spring Valley Coal Company, of Illinois, and has been interested as trustee and

executive officer in various other important corporations in which the late William L. Scott was interested. At the present time Mr. Strong is president of the Erie & Pittsburg Railroad Company Corporation, whose lines are operated under lease by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He is also president of the Erie County Electric Company, which supplies the city of Erie with street lighting and power, and he is president of the Erie Dispatch-News Company, publishers of the city's only morning daily newspaper.

The interests of his native city and county are ever of paramount importance to him, and his influence and zealous co-operations are given in support of all enterprises and measures advanced for the material, civic or moral benefit of the community. He is a member of the Erie Board of Trade, and holds membership in the Erie Club, the Kahkwa Club and the Country Club, representative social institutions of his home city, besides which he is a member of the Manhattan, University and Yale clubs, of New York City, and the Alumni Association of his alma mater, Yale University. He and his wife are communicants of St. Paul's church, Protestant Episcopal, in which he was baptized as an infant and in which his confirmation vows were given, so that the church and parish represent the associations particularly dear to him.

On the 8th of September, 1881, Mr. Strong was united in marriage to Miss Annie Wainwright Scott, daughter of the late William L. Scott, one of Erie's most honored and influential citizens and one to whom a memoir is dedicated on other pages of this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Strong have one daughter, Matilda Thora Wainwright Strong, who was born June 24, 1882. On the 24th of February, 1906, she became the wife of Reginald Ronalds, of New York City, and they have one daughter, Thora Scott Ronalds, born December 14, 1907.

Mrs. Mary Jane (Spires) Grace. Possessing the mental vigor of heart and mind that characterized her earlier years, Mrs. Mary J. Grace, widow of the late Patrick Grace, is held in high respect as a woman whose kindness of heart manifests itself in her every day life. She was born on the parental homestead, in Washington township, June 18, 1834, a daughter of John and Margaret (Morrison) Spires, natives of Ireland, and a sister of Hannibal L. Spires, in whose sketch, which appears elsewhere in this volume, further ancestral history may be found.

As a girl Mary Jane Spires attended the district school, and in assisting her mother in the many duties that come to a woman on the farm became familiar with the domestic arts. Becoming fitted for the responsibilities of a home maker, she married Patrick Grace, who was born March 17, 1830, in Ireland, and came as a young man to Pennsylvania, settling in Erie county. Wishing to further advance his knowledge of books, Mr. Grace attended the Erie Academy for a time, paying his expenses in the meantime by working evenings as a book-keeper. He subsequently bought the packet boat "Mayflower," which carried passengers and freight, on the canal, between Erie and Meadville, for four years living in Wellsburg, then called Cranesville. Going from there to Michigan, he was foreman and book-keeper at Stoney Island for a while, remaining there until his death, which occurred after a brief illness, his body being brought back to Erie for burial. While a resident of Cranesville, Mr. Grace had a

grocery store on the canal towpath, on the present site of the Bessemer Depot, and carried on a substantial trade.

Four children blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Grace, namely: John E., a telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad, married, and has one child Walter E., who is a veterinary surgeon in Meridian, Mississippi; Margaret Ellen, wife of W. W. Swalley, has two children, Grace and Harry; Harry, a locomotive engineer, married Mary Backus, and they have two children, William C. and Margaret E.; Grace married Martin Grote, of Kinzua; William, engaged in farming in Iowa, married Ida Wilson, by whom he has four children; Frank, a twin brother of William, now a jeweler in St. Paul, Minnesota, married Gussie Shutinger, and they have one child, George; and Josephine, wife of William Peterson, of Cleveland, Ohio. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Grace, being left with a large family of children to support and educate, bravely turned her shoulder to the wheel, opening and managing a boarding house for a number of years, laboring cheerfully until her little ones were grown to years of maturity, and were willing and glad to contribute towards her support and comfort. She now resides with her widowed brother, Hannibal L., on the old homestead, being his housekeeper and companion.

William P. Hayes. As proprietor of the leading creamery of Elk Creek township, and an extensive manufacturer of cheese, William P. Hayes is actively associated with the agricultural, industrial and manufacturing interests of Erie county, and is contributing his full share towards their advancement. A son of William M. Hayes, he was born December 1, 1858, in Crawford county, where his paternal grandparents, Heman and Mary (Hogle) Hayes, were early settlers, migrating there from New York state.

William M. Hayes was also born in Crawford county. A farmer from choice, he bought land in Erie county, on Hammett lake, and as a tiller of the soil met with good success. He married Harriett Ann Lake, a native of Pennsylvania, and they reared four children, namely: William P., of this brief sketch; Mary, wife of Martin Standlift, a farmer in Wilmington, Delaware; Frank, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Franklin township; and John, residing in Santa Rosa, California.

Having completed the course of study in the district schools, W. P. Hayes received a practical training in the various branches of agriculture on the parental homestead, and when old enough to choose an occupation selected that of a farmer. After farming for a while, he entered the employ of an uncle in Erie county, becoming foreman of a saw mill. Resuming his original occupation in 1881, Mr. Hayes bought his present farm in Elk Creek township, and has since carried on a most remunerative business, keeping in his dairy twenty-five cows. In 1906 he bought his present factory, known as the Ivory Ray Cheese Factory and Creamery, and is managing it with satisfactory pecuniary results, in the manufacture of cheese, handling on an average seven thousand pounds of milk a day. His creamery is up-to-date in every respect, equipped with the most modern machinery, and forms one of the leading industries of this vicinity.

Mr. Hayes has been twice married. He married first Mary Payne, a daughter of James Payne, a farmer. She died in 1889, when but twenty-eight years of age. She bore him three children, namely: Clarence a farmer in Franklin township, married Emma Davis, and they have one child, Clarence Merle; Seldon M., living in Los Angeles, California, married Miss Mae Gick; and Lydia, deceased, aged sixteen years. Mr. Hayes married second, on January 1, 1890, Viola Payne, a sister of his first wife, and to them ten children have been born, eight of whom are living, as follows: Martin; Beaulah, a graduate of the Edinboro Normal School; Elmer; Mildred; Aaron; Harold; Stella, and Deura. Two have passed to the life beyond, Howard, a twin brother of Harold, and Robert. Politically Mr. Hayes is a Republican; fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and religiously he is a member of the Baptist church.

James Payne, father-in-law of Mr. Hayes, was born in 1838, a son of Washington Payne, who died in Crawford county, in 1894, aged eighty-five years, while his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Freeman, survived him three years, passing away in 1897, at the age of eighty-five years. James Payne moved from Crawford county to Franklin township, where he bought land, and improved a good farm, on which he is still successfully engaged in tilling the soil. He married Sarah Long, who was born in Crawford county, in 1842, a daughter of Nathan and Eva (Evans) Long, and they became the parents of these children, eight of whom are living, namely: Jane, wife of C. Hutchinson, of Crawford county; Burton, a farmer, living at Girard; Van Buren, engaged in farming in Franklin township; Gus, a farmer in Spring township; Dolly, wife of D. Long, of McKean township; Stella, wife of E. Bogart, of Cranesville; Myrtle, wife of C. Goodnow, of Girard; and Frank, a resident of Cranesville. Mary has passed to the higher life and Charles died when six months old.

Amy M. Collins. Both by birth and marriage Mrs. Collins is connected with some of the prominent old families of Erie county, and she was born in Franklin township January 19, 1847, to the marriage union of John C. and Rosetta (Perkins) Jenkins, the father born in 1817, and the mother in 1827 in Cattaraugus county, New York. Coming to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, they located on its heavily timbered land, erecting a little log cabin home, and here they lived and farmed during many years. Mrs. Jenkins is yet living, but her husband died in 1893. He was a son of Ransom Jenkins, who died in 1865 in Pennsylvania and was born in Vermont; the wife of Ransom Jenkins, in her maidenhood Deborah Cass, died January 17, 1865. In the family of John C. and Rosetta Jenkins were the following children: Porter, who is a farmer in Missouri and a veteran of the Civil war; Mrs. Collins; Hunnewell, a Franklin township agriculturist; John M., who has retired from a business life in Franklin township; Charles E., living in Fairview township; Adelle, the wife of G. W. Crandell, a government officer in Washington; Martha Jane, the wife of H. H. Stafford, of Sterrettania; Meredith, a baker in Erie; Agnes, the wife of E. Le Suer, of Oil City, this state; and Flora, the wife of J. W. Lewis, of Erie county.

After the completion of her school days Amy M. Jenkins was united in marriage to Alonzo J. McCombs, who was born in the state of New York in 1844, and died from the effects of smallpox contracted in the Civil war, in which he served with Battery H, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, Company A, and he died in March of 1865. The one son of this union is Alonzo J. McCombs, who married Nellie Bishop, and they have a son, James A. In 1871 Mrs. McCombs gave her hand in marriage to Harrison Collins, who was born April 19, 1837, and died on the 9th of April, 1905. He, too, was a Civil war soldier, serving with Company H, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was a son of William and Sallie (Brown) Collins, prominent old pioneer residents of Erie county. To this second union was born Clarence E. Collins, a well known agriculturist in Elk Creek township. He married Victoria Eaton, a daughter of Scott and Mary Eaton, also Erie county pioneers, and their two children are Gladys P. and C. Everett. Hetta Collins, the daughter born to Harrison and Amy Collins, is at home with her mother, and during the past ten years she has taught in the public schools of Erie county. Mrs. Collins during her many years' residence in Erie county has witnessed much of its wonderful transformation and participated in both the hardships and pleasures of pioneer life. Her name is honored and revered in her community, for her life has been well spent and her personal characteristics have gained for her many friends and associates.

Frederick Christian Wimersberger. Holding a position of prominence and influence among the more enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Elk Creek township, Erie county, are Frederick C. Wimersberger and his brother, Frank Wimersberger, who are carrying on general farming in partnership, and in their undertakings are meeting with marked success. They are sons of the late George Wimersberger, and come from honored German ancestry.

Carl Gottfried Wimersberger, grandfather of Messrs. Wimersberger, served as a soldier under Napoleon, accompanying him on his famous march to Moscow, and for his faithful services in November, 1813, was awarded a medal of honor. This medal was issued January 1, 1840, at Stuttgart, Germany, and was signed by Von Hugie, minister of war, of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg.

George Wimersberger was born in Germany, August 26, 1825, and emigrated from Wurtemberg to the United States in 1848, and settled in Erie county. He took up land in Elk Creek township, and worked in the old tannery at Wellsburg, having learned the trade of a tanner in Germany. He subsequently lived for two years in Conneaut, Ohio, and from 1865 until 1892 was employed in a tannery in Wellsburg. He died in 1899, an esteemed and respected citizen. His wife, whose maiden name was Frederika Burkhart, was born November 14, 1827, in Germany, near the Neckar river and died in Lundy's Lane May 13, 1891. They became the parents of five children, namely: Fred Christian; Caroline, wife of E. Strout, a railroad station agent, living in Poland township, Maine; Mary, living in Lundy's Lane; Charles H., of Wellsburg, is employed by Bessemer Railroad freight department; and Frank, in partnership with his oldest brother, as above mentioned.

Nicola Gigliotti, A. M., M. D., LL. D.

Frederick C. Wimersberger, born in Girard, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1858, was educated at the Edinboro Academy, attending two terms and the township schools, after which he worked in the Wellsburg Tannery for eighteen or twenty years. In 1892, forming a partnership with his brother, he embarked in agricultural pursuits in Elk Creek township, beginning upon a modest scale, with a few acres of land. By the purchase at different times of more land the farm now contains two hundred acres of highly productive land, and with its fine improvements and equipments ranks among the most attractive and valuable estates in the township. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Republican, and has filled many township offices, having been treasurer and clerk, and a member of the school board, of which he was president one term. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; to the Order of the Eastern Star; and to the Patrons of Husbandry, of which he is secretary.

On November 14, 1894, Fred C. Wimersberger married Eliza Foster, who was born in Girard, January 14, 1864. Her father, Lyman Foster, born in New York state, in 1832, died in 1904, aged seventy-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Blair, was born in 1835, in Pennsylvania, and died in 1891. They reared three children, namely: Eliza, wife of Mr. Wimersberger; Charles, living on the homestead in Girard; and John C., deceased. This homestead, it is said, was formerly owned by Denman Thompson, the noted actor, who immortalized some of his neighbors in the characters of his famous play, "The Old Homestead."

Frank Wimersberger was born October 2, 1859, in Girard, and like his brother, was educated partially in the Edinboro Academy, attending there one term. He subsequently taught school one term, and then learned the trade of a broom maker in the Wellsburg Broom Factory, in which he worked until 1883. Subsequently forming a partnership with his brother, he has since been prosperously engaged in agricultural labors, their farm being one of the best improved in the vicinity. Frank Wimersberger married March 8, 1893, Miss Kitt Palmer, who was born July 21, 1860, a daughter of Garner Palmer, of Albion. Politically Mr. Wimersberger has been identified with the Democratic party since casting his first vote, and for the past twelve years has served as justice of the peace. Fraternally he is a member of Albion Lodge, No. 304, A. F. & A. M.; of Albion Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S.; of the Patrons of Husbandry; Elk Creek Grange, No. 997. Religiously both of the brothers are members of the Lutheran church.

Nicola Gigliotti, A. M., M. D., LL. D. Citizens of the United States inspired with true American liberalism have always warmly welcomed from the old world representatives of the nobility whose titles were not only originally bestowed because of some gallant service in the cause of democratic progress, but whose members of the successive generations have not failed to remember the nature of the ancestral greatness and maintain it by brave and noble deeds for humanity. Thus tested, the Gigliotti family, represented in Erie by the able and great hearted Dr. Nicola, has become a noble source of inspiration for American democracy and republicanism, since, for nearly two hundred and eighty years it has never failed to contribute its best strength (and often its life

blood) to the progress of the people and the alleviation of their sufferings. For many generations, the seat of its noble works was Italy. Dr. Gigliotti's lineal ancestor, Angelo, was secretary of the famous Council of Ten which administered the affairs of the republic of Venice for many years, and in 1627, while holding that position, as well as during subsequent years, gave his entire fortune to his country to uphold its fierce wars with the Turks. Angelo Gigliotti was rewarded for his distinguished patriotism by being placed in the highest grade of nobility, and from his time to the present the family has been of ducal rank, the doctor himself being a "duke" in his own right. Until the downfall of the Venetian republic before the ambition of Napoleon in the last years of the eighteenth century, the Gigliotti family bore a gallant part; and in the stirring times of the great patriot, Garibaldi, Nicola's father bore a conspicuous part as a champion of the Italian people against the oppressions of the Bourbon king. A distinguished physician, Dr. Felix Gigliotti rendered brave services, both in action and fortune, until his leader's exile in 1834, and in 1848 when Garibaldi had returned from the South American republics he organized and equipped at his own expense a body of insurgents to fight Bourbonism. In 1863 he participated in Poland's fight for freedom against Russia, and during his lifetime received many marks of popular gratitude and numerous decorations, as an evidence of the value of his patriotic services.

Nicola Gigliotti, the son, was born in Naples on the 22nd of November, 1867, and, through his completed courses at the Universities of his native city and of Turin, he holds the degrees of A. M., M. D. and LL. D. He was a professor at Naples, Turin and Padua, and also practiced medicine, but never for pay. As was characteristic of his family, he was active in politics, and became prominent in the local governments of Naples and in the Italian parliament. In the municipal government he served as a member of the city council and as superintendent of public education, and was also commissioner of his county. He entered the parliamentary contest from the first district of Naples in order to defeat Signor Billi, who for years had held a seat in that body as a champion of the Camorra and (using the American phrase) of "machine politics." The result was quite unexpected, but none the less welcome, for his opponent was defeated and Dr. Gigliotti became the leader of the Republican Federalists of Italy. In the great movement for a republic, commencing in 1894, Dr. Gigliotti sacrificed his entire fortune, and in 1895, then only twenty-eight years of age, emigrated to the United States. First locating in New York City, he became editor of the *Progresso*, the leading morning Italian newspaper in the United States, and later became the first editor of the *Italian Herald*, which, under the stimulus of his brilliant pen, was pushed into the front ranks of the journals of its class in the country. The doctor personally obtained so high a standing that at the convention of the Western Editorial Federation—an organization of the press clubs covering the territory from Chicago to San Francisco—held at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1898 he was chosen president of the association named.

In 1902 Dr. Gigliotti located in Erie and entered actively into the practice of his profession, his success having been decided and his former character for disinterested work as a physician and a man being maintained by his voluntary participation in movements of relief for widely extended suffering. He was one of the first to respond to the call of distress when Galveston was crushed under a tidal wave, freely donating

his services to the stricken city; when cholera so terribly scourged Hamburg, Germany, he was among the first to arrive on the scene of suffering, and the tremors of the awful Italian earthquake of 1908 had scarcely ceased their vibration before he was on his way to his afflicted countrymen. He is said to have been the first of his profession to leave the United States on this errand of mercy and for six weeks he labored incessantly in the ruined and desolated district. It was but characteristic of the man, who, as one of the bitterest foes of the Mafias and the Black Hands, carries his life in his own hands—this instinctive rushing to the relief of the suffering poor—and it is very likely that in his indiscriminate ministrations he was the means of bringing relief to more than one who would not scruple to plunge the stiletto into his warm heart. Dr. Gigliotti is married to Delphina de San Martino, a native of Piedmont, Italy, and a countess by birth. The children of their union are William, Louise and Franklin.

Clayton B. Heidler, the owner of a beautiful estate in Fairview township and one of the county's most prominent farmers, was born in the old ancestral home here September 1, 1849, a son of Levi and a grandson of Curtis Heidler.

Levi Heidler was born in the year of 1825, and remaining at home until his marriage he then bought the farm on which he spent the remainder of his life. In politics he was a Republican. He married in 1847 Miss Fanny M. Bear, whose birth occurred in Fairview township, a daughter of Daniel and Leah (Stotler) Bear. Daniel Bear was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1792, and died in 1862, at the age of three score years and ten. He came to Erie county before his marriage and was one of the first millers of Fairview township, owning and operating two grist mills in addition to carrying on the work of his farm. He was very prominent in the early history of this community, was a faithful and efficient member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he now lies buried in Fairview cemetery. In his family were the following children: Fanny, who became the wife of Levi Heidler; Eliza, the wife of Joel Heidler of Fairview township; Reuben, whose home is also in Erie; Mary, who became the wife of Sylvester Nason, but is now deceased; Levi, also deceased, and his widow resides in Erie; Harriet, who married Samuel Weidler, of Fairview township; Joseph; and Martin, also of Fairview township. Four children were born to Levi and Fanny Heidler, but the first born, Albert D., is deceased. Clayton B., the second, is mentioned below. Harriet A. married Jacob Hinkle, but she died after becoming the mother of two children, Wilbur, who married Ella Cool and has children Elmer, Bernice and Ralph, and Burns, deceased. Wallace Monroe, who lives on the old Heidler homestead, married Emma Mankel, and has three children: Harry Albert, at home with his parents; Irene Louisa, who married Fred Brown, of Mill Creek township, and they have two children, Walter and infant; and Lola A., who married Ralph Oliver and resides in McKean township. Mrs. Levi Heidler passed the remaining years of her life in the home which has been hers for many years, dying there March 23, 1909, and is interred in Fairview.

Clayton B. Heidler laid the foundation for his future life work in the common schools of Fairview township, and he has been a

farmer throughout his entire business career. Immediately following his marriage he bought the old Abram Miller farm in Fairview township, and this he has since greatly improved by cultivation and the erection of substantial and modern buildings until he is now the owner of one of the most beautiful and valuable estates in Erie county. He married a native daughter of this township, Mary B. Wagner. Her father, George Wagner, was born in Germany and came to America at the age of thirty-five, and locating first in McKean township of Erie county, he married there Barbara Hosteller. He then located in the northwestern part of Fairview township, where he spent the remainder of his life. Two children, Mary B. and George W., blessed their marriage union, and the son is a resident of Summit township in Erie county. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner lie buried side by side in the Salem church cemetery. Four children have been born to Clayton B. and Mary Heidler, but the first born, Bertha M., is deceased. Hattie, the second daughter, married Harvey Weidler, of the village of Fairview, and they have one child, Jeannette. Ora is at home with her parents, and the last born, Mertie, is deceased. Mr. Heidler gives his political support to the Republican party, and he has held the minor offices of his township.

Julius Busch, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Fairview, Erie county, Pennsylvania, was born in Saxony, Germany, August 25, 1831, son of Charles and Mary (Fisher) Busch. At the age of nineteen years young Busch emigrated to America, accompanied by his mother, and his grandmother Fisher, his father having died. They made the voyage to this country in a small sail vessel, being thirty days at sea, and, upon their arrival, directed their course to Erie, Pennsylvania, where they established their home, and where Julius served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith trade. About 1860 he came to the village of Fairview, where he built a shop and went to work at the anvil. This shop has ever since been in the Busch family. In 1865 Mr. Busch was drafted into the Union Army; entered the service as a private in Company P of the Sixth Corps, and remained with his command until the close of his term, when he was honorably discharged. Returning to Fairview, he resumed work at his trade, which he followed continuously until about 1890, when he retired from active duties. He owns a farm near the village, the superintendence of which occupies his time and attention.

Mr. Busch has been twice married and has a family of ten children. His first wife, Elizabeth Zumstine, whom he married at Fairview, died in 1867, and is buried beside his mother in the Fairview cemetery. The children of this union are as follows: Lena, who is the wife of Morgan Anderson, of North Girard, Pennsylvania, has one child, Harvey N. J.; Elizabeth, with her parents; Mary, wife of Edward Shoemaker, of Fairview, has one child, Olivia; Charles, his father's successor in the shop, married Mary Kromer, by whom he has two children, Ralph and Lois. Mr. Busch's present wife was Miss Augusta Albright. She was born in Saxony, Germany, and came with her parents to this country in 1851, their voyage being a long and tedious one and covering a period of nine weeks. They settled first in Erie, afterward lived in Swantown, and on the Lake Road, and finally moved to the farm south of the village of Fairview, where

the parents passed the rest of their lives and died. By his second wife Mr. Busch has six children, namely: Julius, a barber at North Girard, married Miss Mary Schutz, and they have two children, Lynn and Lawrence; Otto, at home; Ida, who married William Smithlan of Townsville, has one child, Helen; Munroe, a barber at Fairview, married Olie Holand, and they have two children, Vera and Geraldine; Anna, who married Perry Turner of Townsville; Carrie, at home.

Mr. Busch is a member of Lewis Post, G. A. R., at Fairview. He cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln, and has ever since given his allegiance to the Republican party. Religiously, he has long been identified with the Evangelical church and Sunday school, having been a teacher in the latter for about forty years.

Edgar A. Raymond. Standing prominent among the intelligent and progressive agriculturists of Erie county is Edgar A. Raymond, of Elk Creek township, who by sturdy industry, and wise management, is continually adding to the value and improvement of his large estate, which is one of the most attractive in the vicinity, giving ample evidence to the passer-by of his skill as a practical farmer and rural householder. A son of Alfred Raymond, he was born July 16, 1870, in Erie county, of substantial New England ancestry.

His grandfather, Nehemiah Raymond, was born in 1797, near Boston, Massachusetts, and was there bred and educated. At the age of seventeen years he migrated to Pennsylvania, settling in Erie county, and was first employed in a grist mill, afterwards working on the old Sawdey farm. He subsequently bought forty acres of land, began its improvement, and lived on it three years. Going then with a brother to Ohio, he bought a tract of wild land containing forty acres, lying near the present site of Oberlin, and there resumed his agricultural labors. Subsequently returning to Pennsylvania, he lived on the old home farm until his death, September 16, 1860. He married Lucina Harmon, who was born in 1807, and died in 1886. Seven daughters and two sons were born to them, and of these the following named are living: Ellen, wife of F. West, a farmer in Elk Creek township; Ruth, wife of Jesse Sherman, of East Springfield; Louisa, wife of D. Mills, of Tacoma, Washington; and Alfred.

A native of Ohio, Alfred Raymond was born April 14, 1830, in Conneaut township. Leaving school at the age of seventeen years, he subsequently engaged in farming for thirteen years, obtaining an excellent knowledge of the many branches of that industry. In October, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after serving for nine months under Gen. Keyes was honorably discharged, being mustered out July 27, 1863. Locating then in Pont, he was there employed in the lumber business for five years, after which he settled in Wellsburg, now called Lundy's Lane, where he lives retired from active pursuits. A stanch Republican in politics, he has held many offices of trust and responsibility, and is a member of Albion Post, No. 240, G. A. R. He married, in 1869, Julia Sherman, who was born April 26, 1840, a daughter of Harley and Achsa (Wilson) Sherman, and into their household six children have been born, as follows: Edgar A., of this sketch; Edna, teaching school in Athens, Pennsylvania; Hawley, living with his parents; Fred, a salesman in Cleveland, Ohio;

Henry B., living with his parents, is a stone cutter; and Myrtle, wife of John Koehs, of Warren, Ohio.

Ambitious to aequire a good edueation, Edgar A. Raymond attended sehool until twenty years of age, after whieh he was in the employ of the Bessemer Railway Company for ten years. Having by prudenee and economy aecumulated quite a sum of money while thus engaged, Mr. Raymond wisely invested in land, buying two hundred aeres that are now ineluded in his present farm, in Elk Creek township. Here he is carrying on general farming, ineluding dairying and stock raising and dealing, with satisfaetory results, and has added to the size of his original farm by the purehase of fifty more aeres of produetive land, his property now being one of the most desirable in the neighborhood.

Mr. Raymond married in 1900, Edna Evans, who was born in Girard, July 24, 1878, being the only ehild of the late Prof. Milton and Celesta (Randall) Evans. Her father, at one time professor of German in the Girard Academy, was born in 1856, and died on his farm, in Michigan and was interred in Girard, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Joshua Evans, was for many years widely known as proprietor of a hotel in Girard. Mrs. Raymond is well edueated, having for four years studied at a noted seminary near Hudson, New York, from whieh she was graduated with the elass of 1896. She subsequently taught sehool in Elk Creek township for three years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond are the parents of four ehildren, namely: E. Ronald, born in 1901; Arthur C., born in 1902; Ardys Lucile, born in 1903; and Alfred Wilton, born in 1907. Politically Mr. Raymond is a stanch Republiean, but has never aspired to publie offiee.

William Wiley. A venerable and highly respeeted citizen of Elk Creek township William Wiley has for many years been associated with the agrieultural development and advancement of this part of Erie county, and has been an interested witness of the many changes that have here taken plaee. A man of sound sense, energetic and eapable, he has plaeed his homestead property under a good state of eultivation, and is now living practieally retired from aetive pursuits, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil and labor. A native of Maine, he was born, Oetober 25, 1825, in Fryeburg, whieh was likewise the birthplace of his parents, Hamilton and Melvina (Butterfield) Wiley, the birth of his father having oecurred May 22, 1806, and that of his mother on July 25, 1806. His grandfather, Benjamin Wiley, was born in 1773, in Fryeburg, as was his wife, Mary Bryant. Mr. Wiley has one brother living, Calvin Wiley, a farmer in Elk Creek township. One brother and two sisters have passed to the life beyond.

William Wiley left his New England home in 1853, coming from there to Pennsylvania. He lived first in Summit, Cambria county, but subsequently settled in Crawford county, where he followed his trade of a cooper for three years. Returning then to Fryeburg, he remained in his old home town three years, working as a eooper. He then made another trip to this state, locating in Erie county this time, and very soon after his arrival bought his present farm in Elk Creek township, paying for the land by making oil barrels during the great oil

boom in this vicinty, while at the same time he was filling a contract for making oil barrels for use in Canada during the oil excitement in that region. After making the last payment on his property, Mr. Wiley began farming in earnest for many years carrying on an extensive dairy and stock business, both of which he found very profitable branches of industry. He met with success from the start, by industry, keen foresight, and wise management accumulating a competency.

Mr. Wiley married, October 14, 1854, Harriet A. Langdon, who was born in Cortland county, New York, March 1, 1833, a daughter of Augustus and Mary Ann (Segar) Langdon, pioneer settlers of Crawford county, where her father was a farmer and engineer. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Langdon, four are living, as follows: Roland W., engaged in farming in Erie county; Rosetta, wife of W. H. Donihi, of New York state; Charles V., a farmer in Elk Creek township; and Mrs. Wiley. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley are the parents of three children, namely: A. Hamilton, Mary Melvina, and Harriett Olive. A. Hamilton Wiley, of Montrose, Missouri, married Eva McCammon, and they have five children, Ethel, William, Emma, Birdie, and Harriett. Melvina, wife of Frank Allwood, a farmer in Crawford county, has one daughter, Harriett Emeline, who married B. Freeman, and has two children, Lottie and Dorothy. Harriett Olive, born in 1859, was educated at the Edinboro School, and for eight years taught school in Elk Creek township, meeting with good success. Owing to ill health she was obliged to give up her position, and now lives at home with her parents. Fraternally Mr. Wiley is a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 304, F. & A. M., of Albion, and his daughter Harriett is a member of the Eastern Star.

George D. Gates. A man of good business qualifications and training, George D. Gates is actively identified with the mercantile prosperity of Erie county as a well-known and prosperous merchant of Pont. A son of the late Robert B. Gates, he was born, July 3, 1873, in Crawford county, Pennsylvania. His grandparents, George D. and Elmira (Ward) Gates, natives of New York, died at a comparatively early age, his death occurring in 1862, and hers in 1864, in Pennsylvania.

Born in Crawford county, in 1838, Robert B. Gates was brought up on the home farm, and during his active life was engaged in mercantile pursuits, living for many years in Elk Creek township. He was very patriotic and public-spirited, and during the Civil war enlisted, in 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and during the three years in which he served took part in several engagements of importance, among others being that of the Battle of Fredericksburg. He was a Prohibitionist in politics, and served for some time as postmaster at Pont, and he established the postoffice. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, being a prominent member of his post, and his death, which occurred in 1895, was a loss to the community. He married Mary Jane Pool, who was born April 4, 1847, a daughter of Ezra and Amelia (Loring) Pool, neither of whom are now living, her father having passed away in 1893, at the age of seventy-six years, and her mother in 1898, aged seventy-two years.

After leaving school George D. Gates entered his father's store as a clerk, while thus employed obtaining such a knowledge of the business as to continue it for four years after his father's death. Changing his occupation then, Mr. Gates carried on farming in Crawford county for four years. Disposing then of his farm, he was for a year employed in the wholesale grocery of Jacob Haller, in Erie. Going back at the end of that time to Crawford county, he carried on farming for two years. Returning to Erie county about three years ago, Mr. Gates bought back the old store in Pont, and has here continued in business since, in connection with his store operating a cigar factory, which is located in the same building.

Mr. Gates married, in 1893, Emma Godfrey, who was born January 28, 1875, a daughter of Norris Godfrey, a farmer in Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Gates have one child, Mary E., born in 1897. Nationally Mr. Gates is a Republican, but on local affairs he supports the man.

R. Lyle Joslin. An enterprising and well-to-do agriculturist of Elk Creek township, Erie county, R. L. Joslin is a worthy representative of the native born citizens of this section of the state, his birth having occurred September 5, 1861, on the Joslin homestead. His father, Levi Joslin, born in New York state in 1804, was a pioneer of Elk Creek township. Taking up government land, he erected a log cabin for himself and family, building it near a lone pine tree, and for many years his estate was called the "Pine Tree farm." It was afterwards sold to Samuel Clark, and by the next generation of people was known as the "Clark farm." Levi Joslin married Margaret Palmer, who was born in 1804, in Watertown, New York, a daughter of Wyatt and Kaziah Palmer, the former of whom was born in 1765, and the latter in 1770. Of the four children born of their union, three, Lucy D., Lester, and Lestina, have passed to the higher life, R. L., the subject of this sketch, being the only one living.

Receiving excellent educational advantages, R. L. Joslin attended school until twenty years old, in the meantime assisting his father in the work of the farm during seed time and harvest. After the death of his father, he remained at home, caring for his mother during her remaining years, and afterwards continuing his residence on the family estate for many years. He subsequently moved to Lundy's Lane, where he engaged in the feed mill business, which he operated a year. Returning then to Elk Creek township, he purchased the homestead property, and has since been engaged in general farming with noteworthy success. He has also other interests of value, owning and operating a grist mill, and being connected with the Bessemer Railway.

Mr. Joslin has been twice married. He married first, November 13, 1881, May B. Godfrey, who was born in 1865. Her father, Norris Godfrey, for many years engaged in farming in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, died in 1897, and his widow, whose maiden name was Emeline Hartshorn, still lives on the Crawford county homestead. Mrs. May B. Joslin died July 23, 1897. Six children were born of their union, namely: Alfreda, of Conneaut, Ohio; Dacy E., wife of George Taylor, of Albion, Pennsylvania, has four children; Gleed F., of Albion; Emma, living in Conneaut, Ohio; Floy L., deceased; and

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Kenneth. Mr. Joslin married second, in 1902, Mrs. Rosetta (Van Camp) Clark, daughter of Thomas and Mathilda (Loper) Van Camp, the former of whom was born in 1812, and died in 1897, while the latter was born in 1826, and died in 1908. Mrs. Joslin has three sisters living, namely: Elizabeth, wife of L. Burr, of Pierpont, Ohio; Stella, wife of C. B. Scribner, of Monroe, Ohio; and Maggie, wife of Chester Sweet, of Monroe, Ohio. Mrs. Joslin is a woman of culture, and for several terms prior to her marriage taught school, being both successful and popular as a teacher. She married first Ransom Clark, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Stewart) Clark, pioneer settlers of Elk Creek Township. Mr. Clark was born in 1851, and died May 30, 1893, leaving four children, namely: Samuel Irvin, born in 1878, now a railway employe in Albion, is married, and has one child; Josiah S. Clark, born in 1880, is a lineman in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Clarence J. Clark, born in 1884, is a farmer; and Ina B., wife of Thomas E. Spires, has one child. Mr. and Mrs. Joslin have in their home many interesting and valuable heirlooms that once belonged to their immediate ancestors, among others being an old fashioned clock, one hundred and twenty-five years old; home spun and woven linens, and samples of threads carded and spun by Mr. Clark's grandmother, who, in common with her neighbors, dresed her family in garments which she made from cloth that she had herself spun and woven. Mr. Joslin has advanced ideas on the subject of Socialism.

Andrew Pearl McArthur, of Albion, is a popular and able merchant and a live stock dealer of Erie county, as well as deputy sheriff and chief of police; a citizen of substantial character and fine pioneer connections, and one of enterprise and honorable activities. He is a native of Westford, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, born on the 4th of February, 1878. John McArthur, his grandfather, emigrated from Ireland somewhat early in life and settled on the land at that place which in after years became known as the old McArthur homestead. At the age of thirty he married Miss Abigail Allen, daughter of Stephen Allen, who came to Crawford county from Scotland as one of the pioneers of that section of the state. There his daughter was born, and died in 1862 at the age of sixty-six, as a resident of Erie county and wife of John McArthur.

The McArthurs constitute one of the oldest Irish-American families whose genealogy has been traced through authentic records. As registered in Heralds College, London, it dates back to the year 560, and during the first four centuries thereafter the family name appears in Gaelic, the English spelling (McArthur) having been used since 950. In the genealogical records of subsequent date appear many names famous in Irish history. Donal McArthur, earl of Clanmore, who was born in 1621 and died in 1680, was the owner of Blarney Castle and the lakes of Killarney, his estates being confiscated and the title broken by Oliver Cromwell. Eventually, however, his property was restored to him. In the list, also, is Curmac McArthur, Lord Mountchashal, whose estates were confiscated and title broken by William the Third. This scion of the family likewise was reinstated as head of the ancestral estates. About the year 1798 four brothers—John, William, Andrew and Robert McArthur—emigrated to the United States and located in Crawford county, the first named being the grandfather of Andrew P., already mentioned. William, who located at Meadville, was the first representative of this

district in the state senate and was for many years prothonotary of Crawford county. Of his three sons and three daughters, all died unmarried except William and Moses M. The former left three daughters—now Mrs. Rebecca Lord, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Emma Wegefarth, of Chicago, and Mrs. Mary Wegefarth, of Baltimore. Moses M. left the following:—Martin McArthur, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Reaugh, Cleveland, and John and James McArthur of Robinson, Illinois. Of the four brothers who were the original emigrants to the United States, John, Andrew and Robert settled in western Crawford county. Andrew left one son who died at Saegertown, Pennsylvania, in 1865, all of the children of the latter surviving, as follows: Andrew, of Thomasville, Georgia; Nancy, of Meadville, Pennsylvania; Julia, of Lafayette, Indiana, and Jenny, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. Robert McArthur was at one time commissioner of Crawford county, and three sons and three daughters survive him. John, the first-born, died in Storey county, Iowa, and left several children. William and Margaret were never married. Alexander is survived by one son and one daughter, Mary and Cassius, both living in South Shenango township, Crawford county, and Euphamy Martin, who is survived by the following children: J. S. Martin, of Westford, Pennsylvaina; Hon. Nelson Martin, of Jamestown, Pennsylvania, ex-member of the state legislature; and Margaret Frizzle, also of that place. John McArthur, the grandfather, left sons and daughters, as follows: Rev. Kosciuszko, John, William, Dr. Moses, Mrs. Margaret Collins, Rebecca Ellis, Mrs. Sarah Free, Andrew (father of Andrew P.) and Jeremiah P. McArthur, all being dead with the exception of the last named.

When the four brothers before mentioned emigrated to Crawford county, they left residing upon an estate near Londonderry, Ireland, their brother, James. Surviving the latter were his children, William and Margaret. William became the father of three sons and three daughters, as follows: John P., a wholesale tea merchant of Belfast, with a small family; Joseph (also the father of a small family) and James, both of whom reside on the old homestead in county Donegal; Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth. James, Margaret and Mary are unmarried and live together, while Elizabeth resides in Liverpool, England. Margaret, the daughter of James McArthur, married James Scott of Bonnie Main Burt, Londonberry, and is survived by three daughters—Jane, Margaret and Mary—none of whom are married and all of whom reside in Londonderry.

Andrew McArthur, the father, was born on the old homestead near Westford, Crawford county, and was by trade a shoemaker, but spent most of his life as a farmer. In 1879 he located in Conneaut township, where, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, he followed veterinary surgery for some twelve years. The last period of his life he spent in total darkness, his blindness being the result of a severe fever. His death occurred in 1904, at the age of seventy-five years. He was postmaster of Westford for some time, and his politics were Democratic. By his marriage to Miss Sally Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, he became the father of the following, besides Arthur P.: Nannie R., wife of Dr. G. N. Lewis, of Pierpont, Ohio; Abigail, wife of John Myers, of Albion, this county; Mary Louise, who married William Campbell, of Conneaut township; Professor James F., of the Edinboro (Pennsylvania) Normal School; Samuel R., a salesman of Conneaut township and Eliza Jane, wife of Willis O. Keep, a conductor of Albion.

Andrew Pearl McArthur, of this biography, received an education in both the common and high schools, and at the age of sixteen commenced work on a Lake Erie freighter, but after a year of this employment decided that he preferred to be a landsman. He next became a lineman with the Bell Telephone Company at Albion; then was employed as a conductor with the Bessemer Railway, resigning that position to engage in the interurban service between Conneaut, Ohio, and Jefferson, Pennsylvania. A year afterward Mr. McArthur identified himself with the Nickel Plate Railway, continuing in its employ until 1906, when he established his present meat business at Albion. He is also interested in a billiard and pool room at that place, and is the owner of a fine farm in Conneaut township, being quite a large buyer of live stock. Although thus active in business, he has also obtained strong influence as a Democrat, and is now serving as chief of police of Albion, deputy sheriff of Erie county, tax collector of his borough, health officer, truant officer and street superintendent. In his fraternal connections he belongs to Albion Lodge, No. 435, I. O. O. F., and to Albion Lodge No. 103, Cherry Hill Encampment No. 66, Knights of Pythias, at Albion.

On December 1, 1899, Mr. McArthur married Miss Floy Griffey, born October 10, 1882, daughter of Herbert L. and Emma (Joslin) Griffey. Their two children are Herbert, born in 1901, and M. Naomi, born in 1903. Mrs. McArthur herself has two brothers living—Ralph, a farmer residing in Conneaut township, and Vorice K., who lives in Springfield township.

The Griffey family is one of the oldest and most prominent of Conneaut township, and the whole of Erie county numbers no more honored pioneers than George Griffey, and his industrious, intelligent and hardy family, who, in the early portion of the past century, were developing a fertile tract along the Conneaut creek near Cherry Hill. The father and founder of the family in this section of the United States came from Wales in 1797 and settled on the land which is still held by his descendants and has long been known as the William Griffey farm. His estate embraced several hundred acres of land which, at his advent to the country, was mostly covered by dense forest. For nearly half a century he labored with his axe, his plow and his sturdy brain, and, with the assistance of his sons, eventually fashioned productive and valuable farms and homesteads from the original wilderness. George Griffey, who died January 19, 1849, at the age of seventy-nine, married Miss Catherine Hook, one of his county-women, who followed him to her rest December 30th, of the same year, at seventy-six. She was the daughter of Matthias Hook, who occupied eight hundred acres of land near Pittsburg and gave the name Hooksburg to the settlement which sprung up on and around his property. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Griffey, the father being not only a good, thrifty farmer and an honorable father and husband, but one of the Erie county patriots who, as a soldier of the war of 1812, assisted in putting Perry's fleet where "it would do the most good." The eight children sired by that worthy pioneer were George, Benjamin, John, William, Matthias, Sarah, James and Susan. In the division of the paternal estate George located on the northwest and Benjamin on the northeast of what is known as Griffey's Corners; John settled a little north of these brothers, and William M. selected his homestead near the creek on the old homestead. The last named was the grandfather of Mrs. McArthur, and when he retired to Cherry Hill in his old age was one of the wealthiest

and most respected citizens in the township. He was one of the pioneer Masons of that section of Erie county, and was a charter member of Evergreen Lodge of Conneaut, Ohio. William Griffey was twice married. By his union with Maria Sartwell, to whom he was wedded February 13, 1843, he had two children—Sarah L., who married Moses J. Brown, a farmer and a stock man of Conneaut, and Elvira M., who became the wife of George Putney, of Wahoo, Nebraska. Mrs. Maria Griffey was a Vermont lady, daughter of Regil and Elvira Sartwell, and died March 7, 1845. On May 24, 1846, Mr. Griffey married Miss Ann M. Baird, who was born in 1825 and was a daughter of Steven G. and Betsey (Baker) Baird, also of Green Mountain stock. Seven children were born of this marriage, the mother dying in 1881 and the father, in 1883. Of the children, William H., the eldest, is deceased. Ida O. is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. The third-born, Herbert L., is Mrs. McArthur's father. His birth occurred April 26, 1852, on the old homestead, and he remained with his parents engaged in farming until his marriage in 1876. He then moved to Cherry Hill and in 1893 exchanged his property for the W. Harrington farm, now operated by his son Ralph. In 1908 Mr. McArthur moved to the fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he now occupies in Springfield township and which he devotes to general operations and stock raising. He is a scientific agriculturist and a progressive citizen—active in the work of the Cherry Hill Grange, of which he is treasurer; a member of the State Police, Camp No. 66; has served both as township commissioner and a member of the school board, and is a Democrat of high standing and strong influence.

In the death of Mrs. Herbert L. Griffey, February 5, 1905, those whose lives had been nearest to the departed keenly realized the loss of a fine womanly influence based upon a tender and loving nature. The community at large, which had been more distantly blessed with that influence, sincerely mourned her death as the taking from the home, social and religious circles of the place, of an active and strong factor in their elevation and purification. Mrs. Griffey was not only a devout and active member of the Methodist church, being especially identified with the work of the Ladies' Aid Society, but, as a loving and faithful wife, also gave much of her time to Grange matters, in which her husband was so deeply concerned. Her marriage in 1876 had been a life consecration to his interests and their marriage had been ideal in illustrating the charms of mutual affection, mutual charity and mutual helpfulness. Mrs. Griffey was a native of Conneaut township, Erie county, and was born November 29, 1854, daughter of John J. and Catherine (Doty) Joslin. Her father was a sailor on the great lakes for twenty-four years, but passed his last years as a farmer of Conneaut township, where he died in 1887, aged sixty-six years.

The fourth child of William M. McArthur, by his second marriage, was John J.; the fifth, Elmer, and the sixth, Morton B.—the first named, a farmer of Conneaut township, Pennsylvania, and the last two agriculturists of Conneaut, Ohio. Two children died in infancy, Joy and George.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Griffey. Ralph, who is an able and one of the rapidly rising citizens of Conneaut township, was born November 27, 1877. He has been thoroughly educated in the schools of Albion and at Edinboro Normal College and has taught school for three years. After operating his father's farm for some

time, in 1905 he bought an interest in it, and is now actively engaged in agricultural and dairying operations. For two years he has been treasurer of the State Police of Conneaut township, and has served for one year as master of the Cherry Hill Grange, as well as captain of the State Police (Camp 66). On February 13, 1900, he was married to Miss Rachel M. Swap.

Israel Heidler, deceased, honored and revered in Erie county as one whose name is ineffaceably traced on the pages of its history from the early days, was born on the old Heidler farm in the southeastern part of Fairview township September 9, 1827, a son of Curtis Heidler. He studied in the old district schools and in the Erie Academy, and remained at home with his parents until his marriage. He then bought the old Bird farm on the Ridge road, one mile southeast of the village of Fairview, and there he spent his life as a tiller of the soil, dying on the 25th of November, 1896, and he was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery with others of the brave and early pioneers of Erie county. In politics he was a Republican, and he was an earnest and valued member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Heidler married Miss Josephine Fernbaugh. Her parents, Benedict and Mary (Erhart) Fernbaugh, were married in Erie county. He was a cabinet maker and came to this community in the early '20's, and she was a maiden of eighteen when she came here in 1829. Both were originally from Germany. The early years of their residence here were fraught with the dangers and privations incident to life on the frontier, and for many years their only means of travel was over the paths made by blazed trees. Here the wife and mother died in 1883, after passing the seventy-second milestone on life's journey.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Heidler was blessed by the birth of four children. The eldest, William Heidler, lives on the old homestead with his mother, as does also the elder daughter, Mary E. Sophronia married William G. Kline, of Erie, and their children are Edna E., Ruth G., and Vera H. John F., of Fairview township, married Gertrude M. Greenlee, and their children are Ralph G., Edith E. and Florence G. Mrs. Heidler is spending the remaining years of her life in the old home which has sheltered her family for many years, loved and honored by all who know her.

George Myron Sawdy. An industrious, practical, thorough-going agriculturist, having an excellent knowledge of the business in which he is occupied and showing good judgment in its management, George Myron Sawdy, of Elk Creek township, is proving himself a useful and worthy member of the community in which he resides. A son of Hiram and Hannah (King) Sawdy, he was born, February 10, 1879, on the homestead which his father assisted in redeeming from the wilderness, having cleared a part of it from its original condition, making it among the best in Erie county.

Brought up on the home farm, George Myron Sawdy attended the district schools of Elk Creek township until sixteen years of age, acquiring a substantial knowledge of the common branches of study. Subsequently working a few years with his father, he became familiar with the various branches of agriculture. Not content at that time to

continue life as a farmer, he entered the employ of the Bessemer Railway Company, in that capacity living for a year in Albion. Returning to his old home, Mr. Sawdy married, and the same year assumed the management of his father-in-law's farm, the old Carpenter homestead, on which he has since resided. This farm contains one hundred and thirty acres of land, which he is carrying on in an intelligent and skilful manner, his labors being rewarded by the fine crops produced in his fertile fields, while from his large and well-kept dairy he receives an excellent income.

In 1899 Mr. Sawdy married Ethel Carpenter, who was born August 25, 1881, in Elk Creek township, on the homestead where she now lives, being the only child of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Harris) Carpenter. Her grandfather, Asahel Carpenter, was a pioneer of Erie county, coming to Pennsylvania from New York state, while her great grandfather, Silas Carpenter, was a life-long resident of the Empire state, and the son of a Revolutionary soldier. The emigrant ancestor of the Carpenter family came from England to this country in 1765, being accompanied by a brother and sister. They were orphans, and came to this country to obtain freedom from religious persecution, and relief from burdensome taxes as well as from the restraint of monarchical government. Having heard glowing descriptions of the new world and its opportunities, these two brothers and sister had crossed the ocean to cast their lot with the few daring spirits that had settled along the Atlantic coast, locating first on Long Island. Subsequently one of the brothers married, and settled in Wayne county, New York, near Sodus Point, on Lake Ontario. He proved himself most loyal to his adopted country, and on the breaking out of the Revolutionary war enlisted in the army, and was still serving in the army at the close of the conflict, but whether he served during the entire period of the war or not is unknown, although it is more than likely that he served in several short engagements. To him and his wife a large number of children were born, among them being a son named Silas.

Silas Carpenter was born in Wayne county, New York, and after his marriage with Phoebe Penny settled on a farm near Sodus. Many stories connected with their early life have been handed down to the present generation, furnishing material for many an evening's entertainment. Indians were then plentiful in that part of New York, the Iroquois and Algonquin tribes being at times particularly troublesome, barbarous and inhuman, terrorizing the people, who fled to the fort, or blockhouse as it was called in those days, whenever word was circulated that any large body of savages was in the neighborhood. One day while Mrs. Sawdy's great-grandmother, Phoebe (Penny) Carpenter, was alone five huge Indians walked unexpectedly into her house, their moccasined feet giving no warning of their approach. She spoke kindly to them, responded to their request for something to eat by placing some bread on the table for them, and bringing them a pan of milk from an adjoining room, her heart and hands so trembling with fear that she spilled the milk at every step. The red skins ate and drank ravenously, when through saying in broken English that they were glad she was so kind, for they were very hungry. Then, taking up a stick to which were fastened several scalps reeking with blood, they left the house without molesting her, although she had expected

instant death when she saw the scalps. Her husband returned in a short time, and very soon after his arrival came a messenger ordering them to flee to the blockhouse, as a band of Indians was near by, plundering the settlements, and massacreing the people.

In the early days of the pioneer settlements, said Silas Carpenter to one of his descendants, prior to the Revolution, the people were very kindly disposed one to another, their common danger drawing them together. When war was declared, some adhered to the cause of the king, and some stood stanchly for the colonists, forming two parties, the tories and the whigs. Villages were hostile to villages, neighbors to neighbors, every town containing some of each party. When, therefore, the soldiers of the Colonial army had an opportunity to visit his family, as Silas Carpenter sometimes did, he had to take many precautions to escape the observing eyes of his tory neighbors. On one occasion, being discovered while visiting his loved ones, he went out one door while an enemy came in at another, and escaped their notice by hiding in a bin of wheat, that being but one of many incidents of interest that he used to relate. To him and his wife seven children were born.

Asahel Carpenter was born in Wayne county, New York, in 1809. As a boy he lived in the eastern part of New York state, being adopted by one of his mother's brothers, who had no sons of his own, and with whom he was a great favorite. He made frequent visits home, however, always keeping in close touch with his immediate family. When he was twenty-four years old, a young man named Maxon Randall visited Pittstown, Rensselaer county, where he lived with his uncle, and among the friends that he made was Asahel Carpenter, who learned from Mr. Randall much about Pennsylvania, and decided that it was an especially fine place for a young man of industry and enterprise about to begin life. While in Pittstown, Mr. Randall married Elizabeth Boomer, and took her to his home in Erie county, her parents going there, also, to live. Three years later, about 1836, Asahel Carpenter married Elizabeth Townsend, of Pittstown, New York, and with quite a sum of money, some of which he earned, and some given him by his uncle, he migrated to Pennsylvania, going by way of the lakes to Erie City. Buying a tract of land lying just north of his friend's, Maxon Randall's, he cleared and improved a good farm, both he and his wife spending their remaining days on their homestead. They became the parents of seven children, four of whom survive, one living still on the old Carpenter homestead, the others residing in the West. Although Asahel Carpenter corresponded with his brothers and sisters in the early part of his residence in Erie county, but little is now known of their descendants. Some of them visited when they were young. Two sisters married and moved to Michigan, where they died while yet young, and one brother, a gifted young man, served under General Scott during the Mexican war, and died, among strangers, while on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawdy have two children, namely: Gladys Elizabeth, born February 2, 1905; and Merl Burton, born August 13, 1906. Politically Mr. Sawdy is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and has rendered service as judge of elections. Fraternally he is a member, and present vice commander, of Platea Lodge, No. 1141, I. O. O. F., of Platea; and both he and his wife belong to the

Daughters of Rebekah, in which she holds an official position. Religiously Mrs. Sawdy is a member of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Sawdy is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, being descended from a Revolutionary soldier.

JOHN HENRY HALL, a retired farmer and an honored citizen residing at North Girard, Erie county, was born in Springfield township, Erie county, on the 14th of February, 1835, and is a son of John and Mary (Kelly) Hall. The Hall family originated in Scotland, but the grandfather, Benjamin, resided in the United States in east Pennsylvania. The father, John, was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania; in 1804 removed to Erie county, buying a farm in Springfield township; and afterward returned to Mifflin county, where he married Mary Kelley, daughter of George Kelley, a farmer of that section of the state. With the exception of the period during which he served in the war of 1812, John Hall's life was spent as a farmer, and both parents died in Springfield township—the father December 28, 1848, at the age of sixty-four, and the mother, in April, 1843, forty-eight years old. Their five children were as follows: Catherine C., who married M. A. Lawrence, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Sawyer and a resident of Washington, District of Columbia; George K., a retired farmer of North Girard, Pennsylvania; and John Henry Hall, of this biography. The parents of this family were faithful Presbyterians, Mr. Hall adhering firmly to the Whig party in his politics.

John H. received a thorough education, both high-school and commercial, his first business experience being as a bookkeeper for an Evansville (Indiana) house. Deciding then that he preferred the avocation, which is both the oldest and most important of the world, he returned to Springfield township and followed agriculture until his retirement, in comfortable circumstances, in 1897. He is not only one of the most substantial residents of this section of the county, but one of the most widely known and deservedly popular. In politics, he is a Republican, but has never figured in the campaigns of his party or in public affairs. He is an Episcopalian in his religious faith, a supporter of deserving charities, and a man of unswerving morality.

In 1860 Mr. Hall was married to Miss Julia M. Miles, daughter of the widely known Judge Miles, of Erie county, and a representative of the family which numbers among its members the pioneers who first settled in this section of the state. In June, 1795, William Miles (grandfather of Mrs. Hall) and William Cook came with their wives, who were sisters, and settled in what is now Concord township, Erie county, but in 1801 removed to Union, where Mr. Miles erected both saw and grist mills. This noted father of the county had already passed through a romantic experience. As a child playing near his home near the junction of the Susquehanna branches he had been made prisoner in the French and Indian war and carried to Canada, where he was detained for some time. During this period of his captivity he had been well educated, and upon his return to his Pennsylvania home he was well fitted to play his part in any station of life. He first came to the Western Reserve in company with his brother-in-law, David Watts, and participated in the original surveys and allotments of this part of the northwestern country. Messrs. Miles and Watts were especially identified with the survey of what was known as

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RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. EDGAR W. HEWITT

the Tenth Donation district and the laying out of the village of Wattsburg. Mr. Miles himself became the owner of a vast tract of land in Union township; built roads and bridges, and erected mills at what was long known as Miles Mills and afterward became Union City.

Among the children of William Miles was James, who purchased 1,600 acres of land around the mouth of Elk creek; attempted the platting of a large city on his estate; was one of the organizers of the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania and of the railroad from Erie to the Ohio line which is now part of the Lake Shore System; was long a director of the Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula Railroad; served as associate judge of Erie county from 1851 to 1856, and from 1850 to 1864 was pre-eminently the leading citizen of this section of the state. Toward the close of his life Judge Miles built a princely home on his estate lying along Elk creek, Miles Grove was made a near-by station on the Lake Shore road, and it was on this homestead that he died in 1868. Of the judge's family, William Miles made a brilliant record as a cavalry officer and sacrificed his life in the Union cause. James Miles, Jr., died in the early nineties, and John F. Miles, and two daughters (one of the Mrs. John H. Hall) still survive. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, viz.: J. Miles Hall, a farmer of Springfield township, who married Miss Louise Devore and is the father of Gertrude and James; and Eliza B., wife of John Holliday, a resident of New Jersey, and mother of Donald (who lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hall), Sidney, Belle, Louise, John Hall and Ethel.

Mr. Hall is a true blue Republican. Both he and wife are members of the Episcopal church as well as their children.

Edgar W. Hewitt, a well known farmer of Springfield township, this county, was born in North Springfield, August 7, 1866. He is a son of Capt. E. M. and Jeanette (Clark) Hewitt, his father dying in 1904, aged seventy-six years, and his mother in 1900, sixty-nine years old. The family is of Scottish origin, Joseph Hewitt, the great-grandfather, emigrating from the mother country and settling first in Canada and then in Vermont. The grandfather, Joseph Hewitt, married Mary Miller, a native of Niagara Falls, and when a young man started from Vermont with a yoke of oxen, bound, with his family, for the Western Reserve of Ohio. At the time he passed over the present site of Buffalo it was still little more than an Indian village. He entered the country of the Western Reserve when it was but a wilderness, and continued to farm near the Ohio state line the remainder of his life. Grandfather Hewitt died August 12, 1893, at the age of ninety-four.

The father of Edgar W. left school when he was seventeen years of age, and for the succeeding three decades sailed the great lakes. During a considerable portion of this period he was captain of a passenger and mail vessel plying between Buffalo and Chicago. Later, he built the "Golden Gate," a vessel which was wrecked and burned on the lakes. This completed his marine service.

In the early seventies he purchased the old farm in Springfield township on which was born the famous Confederate cavalry officer, John Morgan. It comprised two hundred acres of fine fruit lands, besides the buildings connected with the early life of Morgan. The family residence was mainly of brick, made from clay taken from the home grounds. In the rear was a sixty-foot extension of wood, which was the scene of Gen-

eral Morgan's birth. This structure was afterward used for a poultry house. The main brick building had the typical large chimney rising through the center of the house, with three generous fire places, which, with the old fashioned kettles and irons, are still intact. On the grounds is also the massive barn in which Morgan's mother hanged herself when she learned of the failure of her son's famous raid north of the Ohio and of his capture by the Unionists. The woodwork of the Morgan residence was of heavy black walnut, with twelve-inch walls, and in the fire-place of the living room is an alcove, in which stood the old family clock, and a large cupboard, which answered the purposes of a safe for the storage of valuable papers by the head of the house. As stated, this historic, interesting and valuable homestead was purchased by the elder Mr. Hewitt, and for several years he operated the place with profitable results. Among his agricultural enterprises in this connection were a nursery of five thousand trees, a large vineyard and seven orchards. The elder Mr. Hewitt was also associated in the coal business with the late Mark Hanna and in the lumber trade with Rhodes and Company. He was one of the builders of the Bessemer Railway, Hewitt station being named after him, and is now one of the most active business men of Springfield township. All-in-all he was a most active factor in the development of many enterprises which have influenced the progress of Erie county. He stands high in Masonry, being one of the charter members of the Conneaut Lodge, and is a stanch member of the Baptist church.

After completing his common school education, Edgar W. attended the academy at Springfield for four terms; was a pupil at the Conneaut (Ohio) Business College for two terms and then assumed charge of the old farm for a time. After his marriage in 1898 he lived for a year in Conneaut, Ohio, and then returned to his present homestead. On December 23, 1898, Mr. Hewitt married Miss Margaret Blanton, who was born in Drummondville, Canada, July 6, 1871, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Brown) Blanton. Her father was born June 20, 1834, in Cheltenham, England; came, as a boy, to Rhode Island, where he worked at the cabinet maker's and joiner's trade; and subsequently resided at St. Catherines, Canada, and Drummondville, Canada. He married Miss Margaret Brown, who was born in Scotland, April 7, 1842, and died in 1895. His wife was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Horn) Brown, her father having been born near Chapel Hall, that country. The grandparents were Thomas and Margaret Brown. Mrs. Hewitt has a brother living, Dr. T. W. Blanton, and is the mother of one child, Margaret Jeanette. The daughter, who was born January 14, 1902, is the ninth Margaret to represent successive generations of the family. Mr. Hewitt is a true Republican and is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 416.

John M. Taggart. The name of Taggart has been associated with the history of Erie county from the days of its earliest settlement until the present time, and the name is one honored and revered throughout this part of the state. Its founder here was Cardiff Taggart, who came across the country on foot from Maryland in about the year of 1804 and located on the farm which is now owned and occupied by his grandson, William Taggart. He was a man of unusually hardy constitution, a typical frontiersman, and he made the journey to and from his old home in Maryland on foot, thus having covered the distance

three times in that manner. In the early days he served as a member of the militia and took part in the war of 1812. He was an old-line Whig politically and for thirty years served as a justice of the peace, having been one of the first justices in Erie county. By his wife Polly McCreary he had the following children: John and Joseph, both of whom died in infancy, Cardiff, William and Alexander, and three daughters, Anna, who married William McClelland; Rebecca, who married David McCreary; and Martha, who never married. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taggart were old school Presbyterians, and they were laid to rest in the Girard cemetery.

William Taggart was born in the old home in Erie county which sheltered his parents for so many years, and farming was his life occupation, death finally ending his useful labors on the 11th of December, 1859. His birth had occurred on the 10th of October, 1806, and his life's span thus covered but fifty-three years. He married Susannah Higbee, born at Pike, Allegany county, New York, and they became the parents of four children: John M., mentioned below; William D., whose history is recorded on other pages of this work; Peter E., who died in 1867; and Enos Jackson, whose home is in Franklin township, Erie county. Mr. Taggart, the father, was a Republican in his political views, and he and his wife were members respectively of the Methodist Episcopal and of the Baptist churches.

John M. Taggart was born in the log cabin home which sheltered the family, born March 18, 1838, and his home was in the vicinity of this old farm until he retired and moved to North Girard in 1889. In March of 1865 he enlisted as a private in Company H, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, for service in the Civil war, and he remained with his command until the close of the conflict. He is a member of the H. F. Lewis Post No. 359, G. A. R., at Fairview, and he is also a member of Nickle Plate Lodge No. 1125 at Girard. He votes with the Republican party, and during seven years he served in the office of assessor, was a constable for eleven years and for nine years was a member of the school board in Fairview township. He is a man well and favorably known in his county, honored alike for his true worth and sterling characteristics.

Frank Willis. During many years Frank Willis was prominently identified with the farming interests of Erie county, and his name is recorded on the pages of its history from the period of its early development to latter day progress and prosperity. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, near Birdinhand, February 29, 1821, but at an early age he came with his parents, Thomas and Mary (Weidle) Willis to Erie county, and the home was established in the western part of Mill Creek township, where for many years Thomas Willis kept the old historic tavern known as the Half Way House, so named because of its half way position on the old stage road between the state line of Ohio and New York.

It was at that old Pennsylvania tavern that Frank Willis spent his boyhood's days, and after reaching mature years he engaged in the business for himself and for one year was the proprietor of the old "Bradshaw House," a log building, after which he conducted a hotel at Swanville. But after a time he gave up the hotel business, and moving to Fairview township began farming on a tract of two hundred

and eighty-seven acres, his home for forty-nine years, and from there he moved to the village of Fairview. It was there that his beneficent and useful life was ended in death on the 27th of February, 1901, and he was laid to rest in the Fairview cemetery. He attended the Presbyterian church and voted with the Republican party, holding many of the important offices of his township.

On the 2d of March, 1847, Frank Willis was married to Miss Sarah Heidler, and they became the parents of five children. Rufus, the eldest, born on the 5th of June, 1849, died on the 2d of June, 1908. He had married Mattie Bell, of Eaton, and their three children are: Edith, who married Dr. Lloyd of Erie county; Elizabeth, the wife of Pearl Richardson, of Fairview; and Rufus Linn. Mary L., born on the 28th of February, 1850, married Charles T. Waldo, of Erie, and their two children are Bertha, the wife of William Long, and Nellie, the wife of William Otto. Charles, born April 2, 1854, married Margaret Smith, and they had three children: Thomas (deceased), Charles Dana and infant. Charles Willis died on December 27, 1895. Nettie married Theo. J. Ely, of Girard, and they have four children, Adnor, Theodore, DeWitt and Fred. Minnie, born September 2, 1860, died March 31, 1876. Throughout his life Frank Willis took a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of his community, and at his death the community mourned the loss of one of its truest and best citizens.

Michael Stolz was for many years one of the prominent and well known agriculturists of Erie county, but he was born in the commonwealth of New York, a son of the John Stolz who is mentioned in the review of John A. Stolz elsewhere in this work. Michael Stolz married on the 27th of September, 1870, Thecla Pistner, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wamp) Pistner who came from their native land of Germany when young and lived in New York until their death. John Pistner was a carpenter. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stolz: Michael John, on July 27, 1871; Albert Pontaleon, on August 24, 1872; Denis Adam, October 31, 1873; Leander Frederick, December 31, 1874; Matilda Elizabeth, January 14, 1876; Charles Dennis, April 19, 1877; William Eugene, January 21, 1879; Frank Nicholas, October 10, 1880; Elizabeth Teressa, November 14, 1881; Joseph, January 23, 1883; Henry Leonard, March 23, 1885; Thomas Daniel, March 7, 1887; and Elizabeth Leona, January 6, 1889. Michael Stolz died on the 27th of February, 1890, and on the 9th of October, 1901, Mrs. Stolz married Benjamin Haibach. His father, John Haibach, came from the fatherland of Germany to the United States and located in Erie county during an early period in its history. Benjamin Haibach died October 1, 1908. Mrs. Haibach is a member of St. Boniface's parish, of Greene township.

Daniel Steen. For many years engaged as a farmer, dairy man and saw mill proprietor, in Waterford township, this county, Daniel Steen is a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, born August 28, 1842. He is also a veteran of the Civil war and in connection with the agricultural and business interests of the locality has served in many local public offices. His parents were William and Jane (Conley) Steen, who came from Ireland in 1831 and located in New York state. There the father established himself in the milling business and later re-

moved to Pittsburg and to Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he continued in the same trade and business. His parents accompanied him to Butler county and both died in that section of the state.

Daniel Steen, of this sketch, received his early education in Butler county and in 1870, when twenty-eight years of age, located in Waterford township where he purchased a portion of the farm which he now operates and owns. He has not only been successful as a farmer and dairy man during all these years but has profitably operated a saw mill, it being located on his homestead. He also enjoys a record of faithful and valiant service in the Civil war, his enlistment in 1864, being as a member of Company D, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He served in that command until the end of the war, being engaged in the battles of Cedar Creek, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and various minor engagements to the total number of twenty-three. He has the additional honor of being one of Sheridan's historical band on its famous ride to save the day at Winchester and during his entire military career saw much action and exciting service as a scout. At the conclusion of the war he returned to his farm in Waterford township and has since been engaged in operating and developing it in various ways. He has also been honored with most of the township offices and his life has been broadly useful both in his civic and private relations.

On January 7, 1869, Mr. Steen married Miss Elizabeth M. King, daughter of John G. and Jane (Stewart) King, her parents coming from Ireland about 1844 and settling near Buffalo, New York. There the husband worked on a farm for a number of years and later came to Waterford township where he was engaged in similar pursuits until his death. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Steen were William K., now a miller of Erie county, who married Miss May Reynolds and is the father of James D., Francis and Ernest; Iona Leverne, who married Vernal G. Fritz, and resides in Erie, and Reed W., who married Jeanette Lenkner, (deceased), and is the father of one child also named Jeanette, Mr. Steen is a Republican and also a member of the John F. Rice Post, G. A. R. at Waterford. Mr. and Mrs. Steen are members of the United Presbyterian church at Waterford.

Alfred J. Cross, proprietor of a good farm of one hundred and ten acres in Waterford township, is a native of that section of Erie county, born May 14, 1858. His parents, John R. and Ann (Hayes) Cross, were both natives of county Tyrone, Ireland, coming to Waterford township in 1843, in that year purchasing one hundred acres of land which was then in the wilderness. The husband was a stone mason by trade which he followed to some extent in connection with the clearing of his land and its cultivation. He died in 1900, his wife having passed away in 1895.

Alfred Cross, of this sketch, was educated in the Waterford township schools and has always been a farmer in that township. In 1884 Mr. Cross married Miss Sarah Blackmer, daughter of Hiram and Mary (Smith) Blackmer, the father being a native of Montreal, Canada, and the mother of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The following are the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cross: Shirley Anna, born December 17, 1884, now deceased; Steen Richard, born April 27, 1889, and Mary Elizabeth, September 4, 1895. The family are earnest members

of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Cross is identified with the Protected Home Circle and until the last election he consistently voted the Democratic ticket but at that time changed his allegiance to the Republican party.

JOHN LOCK WAY has for many years been numbered among the agriculturists of Waterford. He was born in Summit township of Erie county in 1849, a son of Esquire John and Celia (Phelps) Way. The paternal grandfather was also named Esquire John, and he came from the east and was one of the first to locate in Erie county, Pennsylvania, Celia (Phelps) Way, born June 13, 1811, in Connecticut, was a daughter of Jason and Submit Phelps, from the New England states. Jason Phelps made the journey to Waterford township, Erie county, in 1815, with his wife and two children, and they journeyed in true pioneer style with oxen and wagon, and he led a horse the entire distance. He reared a family of three children, and he died in the year of 1858. To Esquire John L. and Celia Way were born eight children, but only five of the number lived to manhood and womanhood, namely: Mariette, Jason P., Annette C., John Lock and True D. The father, who served his community many years as a justice of the peace, died here on the 22d of June, 1880, and on February 6, 1895, his wife joined him in the home beyond.

In his native township of Summit John Lock Way received the initial part of his educational training, and coming with his parents to the borough of Waterford when seventeen he completed his education in the Waterford Academy under the able instructions of Professor Walters. His home was in the borough for fifteen years, but farming has been his life occupation, and he now owns and operates fifty acres of rich and fertile land near the town. He married on the 10th of September, 1878, Miss Emma Colvin, a daughter of John and Mary (Hayes) Colvin, natives of Erie county. Her paternal grandfather was from Rutland, Vermont, and her maternal grandfather from New York, but both were numbered among the pioneers of Erie county. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Way is a daughter, Carrie, the wife of Samuel Middleton, a farmer of Amity township, and they have three children, Marjorie, Emma and Paul.

ADAM B. BITTLES, who conducts a profitable and valuable farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Waterford township, represents a substantial Irish family whose members for generations have been engaged in agriculture. He was born in Waterford township, February 20, 1870, and is a son of John and Mary J. (Edmonds) Bittles, his father being a native of Ireland and his mother's birthplace being in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents, Adam and Mary Bittles, and the maternal grandparents, John Edmond and Isabelle (Nesbit) Edmonds, were also natives of the Emerald Isle and first located in the Empire state. Some years afterward the maternal grandparents migrated to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1842 located in Crawford county, that state, which remained their permanent home. The paternal grandparents located in Waterford township on a one hundred acre farm which became the nucleus of the old family homestead. Adam Bittles, the grandfather, cleared the timbered portions of the land and with the assistance of his son in after years made many

valuable improvements. The father also followed farming until his death in 1905.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John Bittles were as follows: Edmond E., who married Belle Himrod, daughter of Aaron Himrod, and is now a veterinary surgeon at New Castle, Pennsylvania; Lizzie, a school teacher who resides at home; Lina, who married Frank Himrod, a son of Aaron Himrod; Adam B., of this sketch; and Mary Mabel and Anna Maud (twins). The former became the wife of John Merritt, and their child is Lyle B., the mother being now deceased. Anna Maud who became the wife of W. L. Gourley is the mother of James Paul Gourley. Mr. Bittles has never married but lives with his sister Lizzie and mother on the old farm now consisting of two hundred and twenty acres applying themselves to its conduct and improvement and to the filial duty of making pleasant the last days of their widowed mother.

Noah W. Porter, who has been a life-long resident of Erie county and one of its prominent agriculturists, was born in its township of Waterford October 8, 1832, a son of Joel and Hannah Porter, from Vermont. Joel Porter was a farmer throughout his entire business career, and he died at the age of sixty-four years.

After completing his education in the district schools of Waterford township Noah W. Porter became a brick maker and followed that occupation for nine years, after which he was a drover for two years, and then during a similar period worked on the Allegheny river. In 1861 he organized the first three months' men to go into service in the army, but he did not go at that time. He beat the drum at the Presbyterian church door to rally the men. On the 26th of December, 1863, when thirty years of age, he enlisted in Company G, Sixty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in many of the hard-fought battles of the Civil war. His first engagement was at Devil's Gorge, which lasted for fifteen days, while his next prominent battle was that of the Wilderness, where with thirty-three of his company he was captured and incarcerated in Libby prison from the 7th of May, 1864, until the 11th of August, following, and he was the only one of the thirty-three who lived through the terrible ordeal of imprisonment. After his release Mr. Porter returned home to his wife and son, who was a babe of eight months at the time of his enlistment, but it was six months before he was able to do any work, so great had been his suffering while in prison. When able he took up farming, first on a small tract of twenty-five acres, but in time he accumulated an estate of one hundred and fourteen acres, although he afterwards disposed of his farm and invested the proceeds chiefly in Waterford property, now living retired in the pleasant home which he has erected on an eight acre lot.

Mr. Porter married in 1861 Miss Tentann Smith, a daughter of John and Sallie Smith, of Waterford township, whither they had moved from New York. Nelson Porter, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, lives in Erie and is in the employ of the Skinner Iron Works Company. He married Emma Holbrook, and their children are Blanche and Ruth. Hattie, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, married Ally Owens, and their children are Eva, Iva, Hazel and Anna Bell. The family reside in Waterford. Della, the third child,

married Bruce Owens, and they reside with Mr. Porter. Their only child is a daughter Inez. Mr. Porter is a stanch Republican and a member of John F. Rice Post 345, and he has been an officer of the day for thirty-five years, and attended the Grand Encampment at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Porter is a member of the M. E. church.

Harrison Gray Otis Gillett, during many years one of the business men of Waterford, was born in Massachusetts April 12, 1830, a son of Sardis and Ursula (Wright) Gillett, natives respectively of Massachusetts and of Connecticut. Sardis Gillett was a prominent man in his home community in Massachusetts, and he gave to his son Harrison a good academic education. The latter became a traveling salesman for the American Whip Company, and later coming to Waterford he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business here. He married on the 15th of October, 1867, Miss Estelle Phelps, a daughter of Lucius and Roxanna (Webster) Phelps.

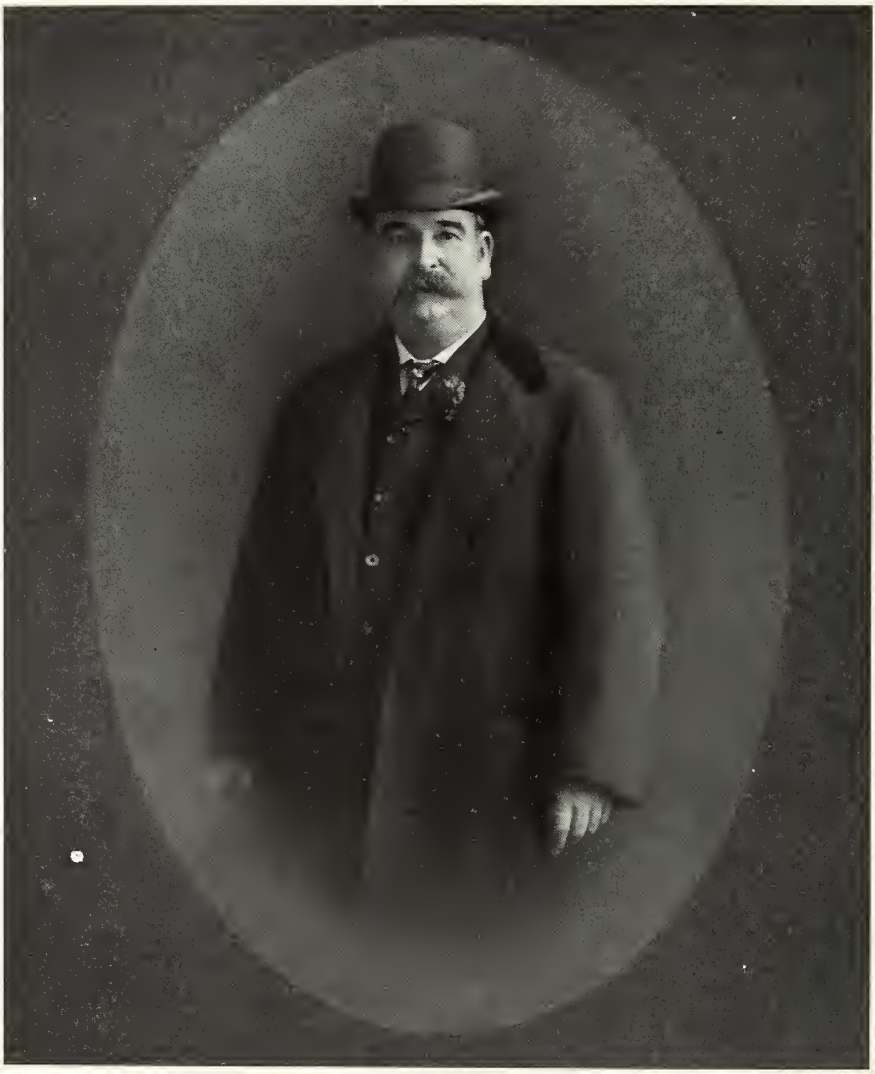
Lucius Phelps was born in Massachusetts, although the family came originally from Connecticut, and he was a son of Jason and Submit (Thrall) Phelps. Jason Phelps came to Waterford township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, when his son Lucius was two years old, and securing a farm a mile and a half from Waterford, he cleared the land and farmed there until his death. His wife died at the age of ninety-four years.

The life labors of Harrison G. O. Gillett were ended in death on the 23d of June, 1891. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Harrison Phelps Gillett; Wright Clark Gillett, deceased; and Cornelia Estelle, the wife of William E. Briggs, a miller in Waterford, and they have two children, Edward Gillett and Virginia Estelle.

William E. Briggs was born in Waterford township July 22, 1876, a son of Edward and Melinda Briggs, who were born in Erie county, Pennsylvania. The maternal family was established in this county by the great-grandfather of William E. Briggs, he having come from Ireland, and his son was John Patterson, who was born in Erie county. The paternal grandfather of William E. Briggs was Benjamin, who was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, at the age of fifteen years, in 1823. He took up one hundred and sixty acres of land near Waterford, and he cleared the tract and made it his home. His wife came to this county from Vermont in her early girlhood, making the journey with her parents in an ox cart.

Harrison Phelps Gillett, the eldest son of Harrison G. O. Gillett, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1868, but was educated in the Waterford Academy. He married on June 18, 1892, Miss Flora G. Phelps, a daughter of John and Sarah (Moore) Phelps, and she was a nurse before her marriage, a graduate of the Shenandoah Valley Hospital at New Castle. Mr. Gillett is one of the prominent business men of Waterford, and has held many of the public offices of his borough. On the 4th of January, 1909, he became the incumbent of the office of clerk of the court of Erie county.

Joseph Reid. A representative of a prominent Irish family, Joseph Reid, of Waterford, has progressed to a substantial position in this country chiefly as a farmer and dairy man. With the exception of



H. E. Wilson

about eleven years profitably spent in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, he has faithfully and wisely confined himself to these callings. He is a native of Ireland, born in 1839 and a son of Andrew and Mary (Patterson) Reid. The parents came to Waterford township in its pioneer period after the husband had spent some time prospecting in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and New York. He was well qualified to make a wise selection in the choice of a new home since in Ireland he had been thoroughly educated as a surveyor and was in every way a remarkably intelligent man. He had also been a school teacher for a number of years before locating in Erie county, but after purchasing his fifty acres of land in Waterford township he steadfastly applied himself to its improvement both as a farm and homestead. In this locality he reared his six children, those now living being Mr. Reid, of this sketch, and his sister, Katherine, who now resides in Massachusetts.

Joseph Reid was educated in the district schools of Waterford township and with the exception of the decade which he passed in the Pennsylvania oil fields he has remained in this locality as a hard working and progressive farmer and an honored citizen. At the present time he owns a fine homestead of two hundred and forty acres upon which he conducts general farming and dairying. In 1872 Mr. Reid married Miss Mattie McWilliams, daughter of William and Mary Anna (Lytle) McWilliams, both of Waterford township. (Mrs. McWilliams is aunt of Henry Lytle whose biography appears elsewhere in this work.) The children born to Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Reid are as follows: Mary, who married Burton Morrison, and is the mother of Blanche and Clarence; Maggie, who married Royal Briggs, and is the mother of Carl, Mary and Reid; Charles, who married Eva Donnell, and has a daughter, Katherine; Katherine, who is a school teacher in Waterford township; and Mattie, deceased. Mr. Reid is a stanch Republican. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reid are members of the United Presbyterian church at Waterford.

Henry E. Wilson. A man who is an ardent lover of beautiful paintings and beautiful horses is not going to be crushed by business reverses. He has means of recreation and re-invigoration at his command which makes him rebound from such temporary backsets, like a rubber ball which comes up against a stone wall. Mr. Wilson, the remarkable oil operator and general promoter of Albion, and now proprietor of one of the leading hotels of Erie county, has lost and regained several fortunes, largely through his generosity to associated friends, but is now not only on the top wave of his old-time business, but proprietor of the "Albion Hotel," the famous French Creek Valley Stock Farm for horses (at Venango) and the largest and the most select private gallery of paintings in northern Pennsylvania. Admirer of beautiful landscapes and artistic representations of the "human form divine," he is an equally ardent lover of the horse which to him, in common with thousands, stands for the "animal form divine." But while a deep pleasure to him, the Valley Stock Farm is conducted on such business principles that it is also a financial satisfaction and one of the chief sources of his large income.

French Creek Valley Stock Farm has been retained by its able and enthusiastic proprietor throughout all the exigencies of his career, and although he commenced the breeding of standard horses more than

twenty-three years ago, it is the Venango enterprise which has always been the apple of his eye. It was while busy in this line on the other side of the mountains that he obtained a half interest in the noted stallion Baron Bell, for which he paid $7,500. It was placed at the head of his Pennsylvania farm and was not only a remarkably fine animal on all general points, but was especially noted from the fact that, up to that time, it was the only 2:10 trotter which had ever been produced or owned in West Virginia. Oakland Baron, Jr., now at the head, is also remarkable for breeding, individuality and speed, having been purchased at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1907, and valued at five thousand dollars. His registered number is 36,941. The already famous black beauty is a son of Oakland Baron (2:09 1-4), who, in turn, was sired by the great Baron Wilkes (sire of eleven in 2:10). Oakland Baron is himself founding a high-class family, having sired such grand circuit stars as Lady Gail Hamilton 2:06 1-4, Rhythmis 2:06 3-4 and Baron de Shay 2:08 1-2. With Oakland Baron, Jr., Mr. Wilson has the noted Percheron, Zulu (No. 29, 338-44, 905), weighing 1,950 pounds and imported by the Dunhams of Wayne, Illinois; also Brilliant H., by Brilliant, of Black Percheron stock and weighing 1,900 pounds. He is the owner of other sires who are fine specimens of horse flesh, but these are the most famous and are giving his French Creek Valley Stock Farm a special and an extended reputation.

Mr. Wilson has all the characteristic sociability, elasticity and versatility of his race; for, although born in Hamilton, Canada (June 2, 1856), his parents were natives of Armagh, Ireland, who settled in the Dominion in 1842. Samuel and Nancy (McDonald) Wilson, as they were known, had several children, two of their sons and three of their daughters being still alive. Mr. Wilson's brother Hugh is a lumber merchant of Detroit, Michigan; one of his sisters, Elizabeth, has charge of his hotel at Albion; another, Mary Ann, is the wife of L. Mills, a retired farmer of Hamilton, Canada; and the third, Maggie, is Mrs. John Anderson, whose husband is both a farmer and a hotel proprietor of that city.

Henry E. Wilson left home when he was eleven years of age and came to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he started as a messenger boy and soon graduated to a clerkship in one of the plants there. During the two years of his latter employment he partially completed his education in a local night school, finishing his schooling in Toronto where he remained a student for one year. Then returning to Oil City, he was employed in the National Hotel for a year, and was subsequently identified with the Colt House, of Meadville, for two years. With the savings of many years he next purchased the St. Cloud Hotel of that place, which he successfully conducted for nine years. In connection with it he also opened a ticket office, and between the two ventures accumulated quite a fortune. In 1882 he bought the old Piper and Richard distillery, its successor being the Meadville Distillery Company, and operated a large wholesale liquor business with it. This was a period of great activity and remarkable money-making for a young man who inaugurated it before he was twenty-one, with a capital of one hundred and fifty dollars, and concluded it in 1889, then only twenty-three, with a capital of ninety-three thousand dollars. This rapid success and his natural generosity, which took the form of endorsing the notes of embarrassed business friends, culminated in his failure in that year; but he re-opened his ticket office, engaged in the real estate business and in 1898

moved to Sistersville, West Virginia, where he became owner of the Hotel Wells. In 1900 he also re-entered the oil fields, and within two years had accumulated nearly a million dollars; he had also continued to back up his friends' uncertain paper with his signature and, as he was a man who always "made good," he was caught and his obligations as an endorser lost him another fortune in two days. In 1905 Mr. Wilson concentrated his energies on his French Creek Valley Stock Farm, which he had jealously guarded amid the ruins of two fortunes, and in 1907 again became an operator in the oil fields of West Virginia and Ohio; also purchasing the Albion Hotel at Albion, which has since been his home. The merits and successes of his famous stock farm have been mentioned. In his oil investments he has been equally fortunate, accumulating a big fortune. He is now the heaviest stockholder in the following concerns: Log Cabin Oil Company, St. Mary's Home Oil Company and Cunningham Oil Company, all of Pleasant county, West Virginia; Lone Indian Oil Company, Columbiana county, Ohio; and St. Mary's Home Oil Company, of West Virginia.

With all his popularity and influence, Mr. Wilson might have reached high official station in the Republican party, in which he was always helpful and active for others and the general good of the organization. He was a warm personal friend of the late Senator Quay and other strong leaders who have come into general notice, but he himself appears to have had no desire to get into the public eye. He is a Mason, and at the height of his earlier business prosperity was connected with all the prominent orders. At present, he is only a member of the Masonic fraternity, of Meadville, No. 408.

Cyrus Sherwood, proprietor of a substantial farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Waterford township, is one of the honored pioneers in this part of Erie county. He is a native of Washington township, born on the site of the present town of Italy, on the 12th of February, 1839, and is a son of Cyrus and Harriet (Atwater) Sherwood. At the age of fourteen, Cyrus, Sr., came with his father, John, to Erie, from a locality near Buffalo, New York. This was in the year 1816 and at that time this part of Pennsylvania was virtually a wilderness. John Sherwood, the head of this family, bought a farm of about one hundred acres in Washington township, cleared it and made it the family homestead, following his life long occupation of farming in that locality and there rearing nine sons and one daughter. This tract of land which Cyrus, Sr., bought and cleared in his early manhood is now the property of Cyrus, Jr., of this sketch. The elder Mr. Sherwood also followed farming in that locality until his death and of his family of nine children three are still living.

Cyrus Sherwood, of this biography, was educated in the district schools of that portion of Washington township which has since been incorporated into Waterford township and like his father and grandfather before him has always been a farmer, his present estate consisting of one hundred and fifty acres. On June 2, 1861, Mr. Sherwood married Miss Matilda Hagerty, daughter of Samuel and Barbara Hagerty, both natives of Meadville, Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather was Thomas Hagerty who became a settler of Erie county at a very early day. The maternal grandparents were David and Barbara Giers. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Sherwood are as follows: William A., who married Agnes Thompson and is the father of

Lula, Lyle and Harold; and J. L., who married Lillian Phelps and is the father of Paul. Mr. Sherwood is a true blue Republican and he and his wife are members of the Christian church near Italy in Washington township. Some of Mr. Sherwood's early progenitors were heroes in the Revolutionary war, entitling him and his children to become members of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution.

George W. Bishop is a substantial farmer and dairyman of Waterford township, Erie county, who is now occupying the homestead to which he came with his parents in 1848, when a boy eleven years of age. He is a native of Delaware county, New York, born near Bloomville, on the 15th day of February, 1837, a son of John and Emilia (Munger) Bishop. In 1848 they brought their family with them from their New York home, and resided on their farm in Waterford township until their death.

It was in this locality that George W. received his education, which was supplied by the district schools of the neighborhood. His training as a farmer and a dairyman was obtained on the old home place and, in the person of his good father, he had an efficient instructor. His farm which consists of one hundred acres is one of the most thoroughly cultivated and valuable in the township. The old place was long the center of a happy household, the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop being Gabriel, Abagail Maria, William B., Sarah, John, George W. (of this sketch), Adaline A., Mary and Harriet N. Bishop. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 974, at Waterford.

David B. Canning. Although David B. Canning, of Waterford, is the son of early settlers of this township and now resides on the old homestead, he has passed most of his manhood years at Denver and Leadville, Colorado. He is a native of Buffalo, New York, where he was born November 17, 1856. His parents were John L. and Elizabeth Anna (Boyd) Canning. Both parents were natives of county Derry, Ireland, the father born September 14, 1821, and the mother January 3, 1830, and early in life located with their parents near Buffalo, New York. There they were reared and married and three of their children born in that city, namely, William H., November 1, 1854; David B., of this sketch, November 17, 1856; and John L., November 21, 1858. About 1860 the parents removed to Waterford township where for several years the father plied his trade as a harness maker, after purchasing the farm of seventy-five acres which is now in possession of David B. For about four years they lived on Oak Hill afterward moving to the farm which had been sufficiently improved to make a comfortable home and there both parents died. Five children were born to them in Waterford township as follows: Wilson M., now deceased, born January 16, 1861; Joseph, deceased, born January 4, 1863; Maggie, also deceased, who was born December 16, 1864; George S., born April 12, 1867; and James S., born November 22, 1869, a resident of Harrisburg.

David B. Canning was educated in the schools of Waterford township and in his early manhood went west, being for many years in the employ of the Continental Oil Company with headquarters at Denver and Leadville. In 1904 he returned to the old homestead in Waterford township which he has since conducted as a general farmer. Be-

sides being equipped with convenient and substantial farm buildings and a comfortable residence, the estate embraces a fine orchard of seventy trees. He is a Republican in politics.

Stephen Roberts. The Roberts family has for several generations been identified with the development of agriculture in Waterford township being established in this section of Erie county by the grandfather of Charles N. Roberts, Dorsa. With his wife, formerly Ethel Sherman, he came from Collins, New York, and established the family in Waterford township when Stephen was a youth of sixteen. There the pioneers of the family remained until their death.

Stephen Roberts was born in Collins, Erie county, New York, and after removing to Erie county, Pennsylvania, continued farming there during his entire active life. He married Miss Levina Osborn, daughter of Jared and Ruth Osborn, pioneers of this county, and six children were born to them: Merritt, deceased; Jarett Ferdinand, Agnes, Hattie, Eli and Charles N. Jarett F., the oldest living child was born in Waterford township, July 26, 1850, educated in the district schools and has been all his life a farmer, being now the proprietor of a twenty acre place in this township. On November 28, 1878, he married Miss Emma G. Graham and their children are Iva, wife of John E. Patterson, and Rawle Randolph.

Charles N. Roberts, the youngest of the family, was born June 11, 1868. He was educated in the district schools of Waterford township and is now engaged in general farming on a thoroughly cultivated place of fifty acres. He was married November 27, 1907, to Miss Hattie Briggs, a native of Erie county and educated in the common schools. Mr. Roberts is a Republican and fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F Lodge No. 964 at Waterford.

Curtis H. Heidler, who for thirty years and more has been identified with the life and achievements of the village of Fairview, was born on the old Heidler farm in Erie county February 13, 1840, and is a worthy representative of a sturdy ancestry who have been associated with the agricultural life of this community from an early period in its history. Curtis Heidler, his father, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but moved from there in 1822 to Erie county, and locating on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres he resided there during the remainder of his life and cultivated his land to the highest extent. Before coming to this county he had married Eva Kaufman, and they became the parents of the following children: Susan, the widow of John Kreidler; Maria, who married Dan Butt and lives at Kingsville; Eliza, the deceased wife of Samuel Zin; Levi, also deceased; Sarah, who married Frank Willis and is now living at Fairview; Israel, deceased; Fanny, the wife of Isaac Wolf, of Erie; Leah, who married E. Wolf, and both are now deceased; Matilda, the wife of Reuben Baer, of Erie; and Curtis H., mentioned below. Mr. and Mrs. Heidler were German Baptists in their religious faith, and he in politics was a Republican. Both now lie buried in the cemetery at Erie.

Farming has been the life work of Curtis H. Heidler, although for thirty years his home has been in the village of Fairview, and he owns the old farm homestead where his parents lived and labored for

so many years. Altogether he has four hundred acres in Fairview township. He married Miss Sarah A. Thomas, and of their children the first born died in infancy. Ida F., the only daughter, is the wife of George Garber, also of Fairview. In politics Mr. Heidler reserves the right to vote independently.

John G. Weiblen. The name of John G. Weiblen has long been associated with the business life of the village of Fairview, but he is a native son of the fatherland of Germany, born there in the province of Wittenberg October 9, 1833. As a lad of sixteen he came with his father, Gotlieb, across the ocean to America, fifty-seven days passing ere their old-time sailing vessel reached the harbor of New York City, and from there they came to Erie county on the 4th of November, 1850. His mother, Jacobine, had died in Germany. Gotlieb Weiblen spent the remainder of his life in Erie county, dying at the home of his son in Fairview when ninety-three years of age. He had followed the manufacture of broadcloth in the land of his birth but his occupation in this country was farming.

During the three and a half years following his arrival in the United States John G. Weiblen lived in Erie and served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, and then coming to Fairview he has since followed that occupation, being a first-class cobbler and a familiar figure in the business circles of this village. His first marriage occurred in Fairview to Miss Louise Hauser, who became the mother of two children, but the only one living is Josephine, the wife of George Urquhart, of California, and the wife and mother is also deceased. He afterward married Miss Mary Harman, and they have had the following children: Emma, the wife of Harvey Johnson of Fairview township; Gertrude, who married William Strick and lives in Erie; William, deceased; Hattie, who married Marcus Hennessey and lives in Erie; Nellie, the wife of George Alford, of Westfield, New York; Carrie, whose home is also in Erie; Winifred, at home with her parents; Frank and Charles, twins, who reside respectively in Erie and in Minnesota; John, whose home is in Erie; and Fred, at home with his parents. Mr. Weiblen cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and has ever since upheld the principles of the Republican party. During twenty years he served as a justice of the peace in Fairview, while during the past four years he has been a notary public.

Adelbert W. Proctor. Owning and occupying a part of the original homestead property of his father, the late Elijah Proctor, who came to Erie county in 1833, Adelbert W. Proctor, of Union township, is carrying on general farming and dairying with most satisfactory pecuniary results, year by year adding to his wealth, and, growing in the esteem and respect of his neighbors, is already a valuable member of the community. Noteworthy among the earlier settlers of northwestern Pennsylvania was Elijah Proctor, who migrated from the east to this state, locating first at Columbus. A short time later, in 1833, he came with his family to Erie county, and having looked about for a favorable location bought three hundred acres of land in Union township. Clearing a large part of the land, he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life. He was twice married, marrying first a Miss York, by whom he had seven children,

as follows: Albert, Mary, Levi, John, Thomas, Harriet, and George. He married second Mrs. Olive (Portman) Coats, and of that union four children were born, namely: Eva M., wife of E. Bloss; Edwin Morris; Nelson C.; and Adelbert W.

Born, January 21, 1874, in Union township, Adelbert W. Proctor received his early education in the district schools, and on the family homestead acquired a practical knowledge and experience of the art and science of general farming. Succeeding to the ownership of seventy-three acres of the parental homestead, he is managing his farm most profitably, paying special attention to dairying. He keeps on an average fifteen cows, and since the installing of a creamery outfit, in 1906, has manufactured creamery butter, the neighboring farmers supplying him with sufficient milk to make the business a paying one.

Mr. Proctor married, in 1899, Martha B. Slye, and to them four children have been born, namely: Homer W., Clayton A., Marie L., and Lee E. Mr. Proctor is active in township affairs, and has served on some of the town committees, and as a member of the local school board. He is a Republican.

Frank C. Rouse. No branch of public service offered us by the United States Government has been of greater influence in determining the status of our country, and bringing its people in close touch, not only with the states and territories within its own borders, but with the various nations of the world, than that inaugurated by the postal department. To successfully carry on the work thus inaugurated, men of energy, intelligence and sterling integrity are sought, and upon their trustworthiness depends the usefulness of the mail service. A man well qualified in every respect for the position which he is so satisfactorily filling is Frank C. Rouse, who has served the past seven years as a mail carrier in Union City, which for five years has been his place of residence. He was born, July 28, 1862, in Amity township, Erie county, which was also the birthplace of his father, Casper C. Rouse, whose birth occurred in June, 1830. He is of pioneer stock, his grandfather, Erastus Rouse, and his great-grandfather, Casper M. Rouse, having been among the earliest householders of Erie county.

The Rouse family originated in Holland, and were people of wealth and distinction. The emigrant ancestor came to this country at an early period of its settlement, locating in New Amsterdam, now Greater New York, and during the colonial struggle for freedom and independence rendered financial assistance by lending money to the colonies. The descendants of this ancestor are numerous, and are to be found in positions of trust and responsibility in various states. Casper M. Rouse, familiarly known among his associates as Judge Rouse, came with his family to Erie county as early as 1810, locating in that portion of Venango township now included within the limits of Wattsburg. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Phoebe Austin, seven children were born, namely: Rebecca, Erastus, Sallie, Austin, Albert, Maria, and Melancthon. He was a man of prominence in public affairs, and served as judge of the county court. Erastus Rouse was a farmer from choice owning about one hundred acres of land, which he carefully tilled. He was influential in the community, promoting to a considerable extent the interests of town and county, and

filled with acceptance various township offices. Of his marriage with Sarah Connelly, twelve children were born, eight of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Casper C., Margaret, Susan, Jefferson, Cordelia, Nancy, James, and Perry, all being born and reared in Erie county.

Casper C. Rouse has been successfully employed as a tiller of the soil during his entire life, and is now the owner of two valuable farms in Union township, one containing one hundred acres, and the other seventy acres. He has been twice married. His first wife, who lived but three years after their marriage, left one child, Eveline, now the wife of D. B. Hitchcock, Jr. He married second Harriet Godfrey, who passed to life beyond in 1899. She bore him four children, namely: Frank C., of this sketch; Perry; William M.; and Guy.

Frank C. Rouse married, September 23, 1885, Cora, daughter of Levi and Lavina Proctor, of Union township, and into their pleasant household three children have made their advent, namely: Vina, born in 1886; Hazel, in 1891; and Charlotte, born in 1896. Mr. Rouse has met with success in life, first as an agriculturist, and later in his present position. He stands well in both social and financial circles, having acquired considerable property, owning among other things two residences in Union City, one on East High street, and one that is nearly completed on Prospect street. He is a Republican politically. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rouse are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Union City.

Henry Wharff. The manufacturing interests of Union City, Erie county, are extensive and valuable, giving employment to vast numbers of enterprising men, and notably increasing wealth and growing prosperity of this section of the state. Prominent among the firms that are each year advancing these interests is the Shreve Chair Company, of which Henry Wharff, whose name is placed at the head of this sketch, is a contractor, and superintendent of one of its more important departments. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born, April 2, 1870, in Washington county, where he grew to man's estate.

Mr. Wharff is a mechanic both by nature and by trade, and an expert in the use of tools. Since coming to Union City, in 1890, he has been identified with the chair manufacturing business of this locality, and for the past six years has been connected with the Shreve Chair Company. He has charge of the drying kilns, his special work, however, being the manufacturing of chair seats, arms, and rockers, and preparing them for the assembler. He has thirty men under his supervision, and so manages his department as to make it a source of income, not only to himself, but to the firm.

In July, 1896, Mr. Wharff married Pearl, daughter of William and Rhoda Shafer, who came with his family to Union City in 1888, from Crawford county. As a soldier, Mr. Shafer took part in many of the noted engagements of the Civil war, on more than one occasion displaying heroism and valor on the field of battle, and for his gallant services in that conflict now receives from the government a pension. Mr. and Mrs. Wharff have one child, Harold H., born April 2, 1900. Fraternally Mr. Wharff is a member of Clement Lodge, No. 220, I. O. O. F., and religiously he and his wife are valued members of the Baptist church.

BIRTHPLACE OF DENMAN THOMPSON, GIRARD, PA.

Morrell F. Pratt has long been numbered among the agricultural residents of Union township, where he owns and conducts a splendid and well improved farm of one hundred and fourteen acres. He is a member of a family that has been identified with the interests of Erie county from the period of its earliest development, and he was born in its township of Waterford October 14, 1839, a son of Timothy and Mary (Kendall) Pratt, born respectively in Massachusetts and Vermont. As early as the year of 1813 they established their home in Waterford township among the early pioneers of this region, and this was at a day long before the establishment of public thoroughfares when they had to hew their way to their forest home. A millwright by trade, Timothy Pratt in his day built several mills, and he owned and cleared fifty acres of land. He was also skilled in medicine, and his self acquired knowledge of that science proved of inestimable value to the early residents of his community. During thirty-five years of his life his father, Timothy Pratt, was before the mast, becoming in that time the mate of a vessel, but he finally gave up his sea faring life to become an agriculturist, his last days having been spent in Waterford township, where he died in the eighty-ninth year of his age about 1846. His wife survived him until about 1856. Mrs. Pratt's father was a pioneer, and he built the first woolen mill in the county, and in his day was one of the most prominent of the county's residents. His wife was before marriage Mary Dunyon. Timothy Pratt also became well and prominently known through his connection with the life and interests of Erie county, for he was a man of considerable ability and influence, and he served as a justice of the peace and as a county commissioner. He was a member of the Christian church, and at one time served as a minister of that denomination, a good and pious man and honored and revered wherever known. To Timothy Pratt and his wife Mary were born children as follows: Rufus, Horace, Morrell F., Harrison T., John Q. A., Lucretia, Elvira, Emily and Elzina.

Morrell F. Pratt, the seventh born of that family, was reared and educated in his native township of Union, but on reaching the age of maturity he went to Illinois and farmed there on rented land for a few years. Returning then to Erie county he located in Union City, where until within a few years ago he was extensively engaged in the lumber business in Ohio and near Titusville, Pennsylvania, retiring in 1896. On the 3d of June, 1860, he was married to Miss Frances Graff, whose father, Christopher Graff, came to Erie county during an early epoch in its history. The children of this union are as follows: Mertie, Mamie, Glennie, Winnie, Irma, Sidney, Maud, Clifford, Morrell Rex and the youngest of the children, Max.

Mr. Pratt is a Republican. He is a member of Clement Lodge No. 220 I. O. O. F and Encampment No. 248, and he has passed all chairs in both orders.

Charles Wallace Foster, one of the most successful horticulturists of Erie county, is the owner of a fine farm of eighty-eight acres in Girard township which includes the old Denman Thompson place, forty-eight acres in extent. The old Thompson dwelling has been moved to the rear of Mr. Foster's door-yard and is used as a store house, serving this useful purpose as well as keeping alive many kindly memories of the older settlers who still cherish with the warmest feelings the

author of the "Old Homestead" and all his kindred. Charles W. Foster was born in Girard township, on the old Babbitt farm, January 29, 1860, and is a son of Lyman Luther Foster. The grandparents, Lyman and Sally (Dutcher) Foster, were the pioneers of the family in Erie county, settling on a tract of land near the Thompson place. There the grandfather continued to farm the remainder of his life, dying April 9, 1868. His wife passed away in June, 1887, at the age of seventy-nine years. The father, who was born in New York state, November 13, 1832, remained with his parents until his marriage in 1858, when he rented the old Babbitt farm, for a year. Upon his return from the Civil war, in the fall of 1864, he purchased the Denman Thompson homestead, which he retained until his death. His services as a Union soldier covered about a year, he being a member of Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers. From Pittsburg the company was ordered to Gettysburg, where it participated in the great battles at that place. Mr. Foster was then sent to Virginia, and after nine months of guard duty in this state was honorably mustered out of the service in 1864. He had married Miss Mary E. Blair, born on the old homestead a few miles south of Girard borough, January 16, 1836, daughter of John Wallace and Candace (Strong) Blair. The Blair family, one of the oldest and best known in Erie county, was founded in this section by James and Mary (Wallace) Blair, who came from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1803, and in the following year located on the land in Girard township which became the family homestead and the center of social and religious activities for a large area of surrounding country. Lyman L. Foster was earnest in the work of the Presbyterian church, of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Ancient Order of United Workmen; was a Republican in politics and a member of the township school board. He was the father of three children, one son (Charles W. of this sketch) and one daughter being alive; the latter, Nettie E., is now the wife of Fred C. Wimersberger, of Lundy's Lane, whose biography appears elsewhere.

At the age of eighteen, after the completion of his common school course, Charles W. Foster attended the State Normal School at Edinboro two years and then taught district school two years. He then took a commercial course in Eastman's Business College, which was followed by a year of study at the Normal School, Valparaiso, Indiana. Three years upon the home farm were succeeded by a residence of two years at Wichita, Kansas, where he engaged in the real estate business. After assisting his father for another two years he went to southern Illinois, where he commenced the raising of fruit, returning to his old homestead in 1893. Four years later he moved to North Carolina and continued in that line until 1900, when he resumed the raising of fruit on the property which he now occupies. He also makes a specialty of potatoes as a farm crop. He has closely devoted himself to his horticultural and agricultural interests and, although a consistent Republican voter since he has attained his majority, has not meddled with politics or had any desire for office. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

On May 31, 1893, Mr. Foster married Miss Nellie Wilson, a native of Centralia, Illinois, the adopted daughter of James and Jane Wilson. Mrs. Foster has two sisters living,—Alice, now the wife of Thomas Garside, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and Ida, Mrs. Henry Saul, of Centralia, Illinois.

Oren Bruce Sherwood is numbered among the well known and highly esteemed residents of Union City, and he is a descendant of an old English family who trace their ancestry to three brothers who were prominently identified with the early history of this country and its struggle for independence, and their names are enrolled with the list of heroes of both the Revolutionary and the war of 1812. The family was at one time numbered among the residents of Cayuga county, New York, but as early as 1813 they are found in Erie county, Pennsylvania, they having moved westward as the country became more thickly populated and as its representatives increased in numbers. James Sherwood, the grandfather of Oren B., married Margaret Williams, and both were natives of the state of New York, but they afterward located on what is now known as the S. B. Brooks farm in Erie county, Pennsylvania. Their children were Charles W., Julius, Mary A., Lyman and Sarah. Charles W. Sherwood, the eldest, was born in 1820, and his life's span covered seventy-two years, years devoted to the work of the farm and the upbuilding and advancement of his community. Henrietta Shelmadine, whom he married in 1850, died on the 25th of December, 1900, thus surviving her husband but eight years. Their children, seven in number, were: Oren B., who is mentioned below; Lillian, deceased; Linnie, a twin of Lillian, born in 1854, and she married L. T. Humes and lives in Crawford county, Pennsylvania; Frank, born in 1856, is deceased; Perry, born in 1860, is also deceased; Edith, born in 1868, married in 1885 F. Hinkley and lives in Union township; and Guy, who was born in 1873, owns the old homestead farm, but his home is in Ohio. He married Lena Blair.

Oren B. Sherwood was united in marriage to Miss Almeda, a daughter of Josiah and Isabella Shreve, in 1872, and their union has been blessed by the birth of four children, Fred, Myrtle, Kittie and Clarence. Mr. Sherwood is an active business man in Union City, which has been his home for some time. He yet owns a farm in Union township containing eighty acres of valuable and well tilled land, and he also owns property in Union City, where he is at present engaged in the hardware business. He is a man of sterling worth and integrity, and his friends and acquaintances are many. Mr. Sherwood is a true blue Republican and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Clement Lodge No. 220 at Union City Pennsylvania.

Clark A. Randall has been identified with the life and interests of Union City as a resident for thirty years, and during twenty years of that time he has been engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He is a practical and competent sawyer, and the greater part of his business life has been in connection with that line of work.

Born at Rosendale, Fon-du-Lac county, Wisconsin, in 1848, Mr. Randall is a son of Samuel J. and Polly (McFarland) Randall, pioneer farmers of the state of Wisconsin. During many years this brave young couple defied a frontier life among the Indians of the northwest, and there their two sons, George and Clark A., were born to them, and the elder is now a resident of Ohio. The wife and mother died in the year of 1848, when her son Clark A. was but a babe of three months, and the father subsequently marrying again had one son, Samuel, born of his second union, and he is now a physician in Milwaukee, Wis-

consin. The father survived his second marriage but a short time, dying in 1851, when his second son was but a lad of three years, but he was tenderly reared and cared for by his grandmother, a good and pious old lady. Coming to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1853, Clark A. Randall has spent the greater part of his life time here, and although he has left at various times for travel in distant parts Erie county has remained his home from that early period in his life. In December of 1863, he enrolled his name as a defender of northern rights with Company G, Nineteenth New York Cavalry, or as it was more commonly known with the First New York Dragoons. From the time of his enlistment until in July of 1865, he participated in thirty-seven hard fought engagements against the enemy, and although never actually wounded he was at one time struck by a spent ball, and at another time by a splinter knocked from a tree by a cannon ball, it almost seeming that he led a charmed life while at the front.

In May of 1868 Mr. Randall was happily married to Miss Eliza Fleisher, and three children have been born to gladden their hearts, namely: Ernest, born in 1871; Myrtle, in 1873; and Minnie, in 1875. The son married Miss Wealthy Richey in July of 1907. After a happy married life of many years Mrs. Randall, the mother of these children, died in 1886, and for his second wife he married Miss Alice Smith in 1892. Mr. Randall is an active and progressive business man and a public spirited citizen. He owns one good house in Union City, and in many other ways is identified with its interests. He is a past post commander in the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a Republican.

David J. Edwards owns and resides on a beautiful estate of one hundred and sixty acres on the Concord road about one mile east of Union City. He was born in northern Wales in 1843, a son of Thomas and Mary (Jones) Edwards, both of whom spent their entire lives in their native land of Wales, and of their large family of nine children only one, David J., came to this country. He first received his educational training in the common schools of his native land, and in due time served an apprenticeship of one year at the carpenter's trade. He thoroughly mastered that trade in all its departments, and after coming to the United States in 1869 he located in Corry, Pennsylvania, and worked at that calling for some time. In 1871 he became a carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and has since been continuously in their employ as a repairman in wood work along his route. In 1880 he came to Union township and to his present farm, and in 1896 he replaced the old house thereon with a splendid frame residence of his own construction.

In 1876 Mr. Edwards married Miss Sarah, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Holden, of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, which was the birthplace of their daughter Sarah in 1841. In 1857 the Holden family moved from that county to the farm of one hundred acres now owned by J. W. Holden. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are Mary, born in 1878, and Thomas J., born in 1879. The daughter married Paul E. Chapin in 1903, and their one child is Dorrance G., born in 1904. Mr. Chapin died in 1905. Mr. Edwards is numbered among the representative business men of this part of Erie county, a thorough American, true and loyal to its principles and institutions, and Union township claims him among her valued residents.

Leavitt Northrop traces his descent through a long line of distinguished and representative ancestry to the mother country of England, from whence came Joseph Northrop to this country in 1637, and two years afterward he became one of the original settlers of Milford, Connecticut. His descendants are now scattered over the United States, Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and they can be found identified with all the leading professions and useful and honorable callings of this progressive age, while at the same time they have also proved their patriotism and loyalty in their participation in the various wars of the nation.

One of the descendants of Joseph Northrop, the emigrant, was another Joseph, who finally moved to Oneida county, New York, and thence on to Warren county, Pennsylvania, in 1808, where the family became numerous, and their names are enrolled among that county's earliest pioneers. Leavitt Northrop, who became the grandfather of Leavitt of this review, was born in Connecticut in 1794, and was a young man at the time of the emigration of his parents. He married Lusina Bushnell, from Herkimer county, New York, and of their children the names of four have been handed down to posterity, and one is Daniel B. Northrop, who in 1842 married Matilda Pierce. Of their children Niram Norton, the first born, enlisted in 1861 for ninety days and re-inlisted in 1862 as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville and died in Douglas Hospital on November 28, 1863. Leavitt, the second son of Daniel, married Esther Spencer, a daughter of Henry Spencer, in 1871, and three children were born to bless their union, Bertha, Ralph H. and Maud, but the wife and mother died in the year of 1881. For his second wife he married Mrs. Emma Schroeder, a daughter of Barnhard Dufner, in 1898, and their two children are Evelyn and Florence. Mrs. Northup also has a daughter, Ruth, by her former husband. Perry, the third son of Daniel B., married Charity Debutts, and their four children are Guy, Ray, Lynn and Thelma. This branch of the family reside in Girard, Pennsylvania. The two youngest sons of Daniel B. were Darius and Abraham, but Leavitt and Perry are his only surviving sons.

In 1850 Daniel B. Northrop came to Union township in Erie county, where he built him a house and barn in the woods and began the task of clearing his farm of two hundred acres. But he afterward made additional purchases of land, and he held various offices of trust and responsibility in his township. During forty-seven years he was a consistant member of the Methodist church, and he died as he had lived, a good, Christian man, in May of 1906. His wife preceded him in death just twenty days, dying in the same month and year.

Leavitt Northrop was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1849, and was a babe of one year at the time of the removal of the family to Erie county. Thus nearly his entire life has been passed in this vicinity, and his farm is a large and fertile one of one hundred acres south of the Concord road and one hundred and twenty-five acres on the north side of the same road, and there he is engaged in stock raising and dairying. In 1905 he erected a beautiful and commodious farm residence, and pleasantly and artistically located

as it is on a natural building site it is one of the splendid homes of the township. Mr. Northrop is a progressive and up-to-date farmer, and he is numbered among the reliable and highly esteemed residents of his community. Mr. Northrop is a Republican.

Glenn C. Kapple. One of the chief industries of Union township is the Cottage Hill Store and Creamery owned and conducted by G. C. Kapple, one of the township's most reliable business men. The creamery was put in operation in 1901, and five years afterward, in 1906, the store was added, and during the summer months Mr. Kapple handles about twelve thousand pounds of milk a day. His store is furnished throughout with the best and freshest stock in the market, coming direct from the factories.

He was born at Beaver Dam in Erie county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1878, a son of George and Marjorie (Gray) Kapple, born respectively in Fredonia, New York, August 1, 1815, and in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, in 1833. They were married in 1852, and in the same year came to Erie county, Pennsylvania, but a short time afterward in 1856, they moved to Illinois, but in 1861 they returned and located in Beaver Dam, where for thirty years or more Mr. Kapple, the father, served as the superintendent of the Beaver Dam cemetery, resigning only on account of failing health and strength. He died on the 3d of December, 1903. His children were as follows: Charles F., William, Alice and Glenn C., but Willie and Alice are deceased. Mr. Kapple is yet survived by his widow, who resides with her son Glenn.

Glenn C. Kapple was reared and educated in his native community, and after the completion of his school days he took up the work of cheese making. During his fourteen years' connection with this industry he acquainted himself with every department of the business, being the superintendent, where he finally purchased the Cottage Creamery. In 1903 he was the important factor in the organization of the Cottage Hill store, where he meets his patrons with that amiability of character which is a signal success to the the up-to-date business man.

On the 16th of April, 1902, he was happily married to Miss Adah B., a daughter of Edward and Juliette (Starkweather) Slye. Mr. Kapple is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows (Lodge No. 220, Clement), Union City and of its Encampment, also in Union City. He is a Republican and active in its welfare. He has served his township as an auditor and as a member of the board of elections and has always taken great interest in the selection of competent men as officials in the Republican ranks, in Erie county.

Ezekiel E. Chambers, is perhaps one of the best known residents of Erie county, and he is further honored by being a member of one of its earliest pioneer families. His paternal grandfather came with his brother to Erie county in an early period in its history, and locating at Four Mile creek secured a farm of four hundred acres of timber land there from the Holland Land Company, and in time this land was cleared and improved and a portion of it is yet in the Chambers name. Norman and Rebecca Nash, the maternal grandparents of

Ezekiel E., were another of the early pioneer families of Erie county. They were of Scotch descent.

David Chambers, his father, was born in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, and was a farmer throughout his entire business career. He owned fifty acres of the original Chambers tract, and his landed possessions aggregated one hundred acres in all, but this entire tract is now out of the family name. He died in 1871, at the age of seventy-two years, long surviving his wife, Mabel (Nash) Chambers, who passed away in 1845. She was a native daughter of North East township.

Ezekiel E. Chambers, the fourth of their six children, was born in Harbor Creek township of Erie county November 8, 1835, and he received a good education in the common schools and in the Allegany College, which he attended for two years. Remaining with his parents until the age of twenty-one he then began reading medicine with Dr. Moore of Weslyville, but putting aside all personal considerations during the Civil war he enlisted on the 29th of August, 1861, in Company C, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to the medical department of the Army of the Potomac. He participated in all the battles of his regiment, and was honorably discharged on the 20th of September, 1864, at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Although he was never wounded throughout this long service he was ill for four months after returning to Erie county, and on recovering went to Oil Creek. This was during the oil excitement there, and he continued as an operator from 1865 until 1885, returning then to Erie county and locating at the family home in North East township. He had purchased on May 31, 1869, a farm of one hundred and twelve acres, on which he planted a vineyard of fifty acres, but he only now retains seventy-three acres of this tract, having sold the remainder. He is an extensive grower of grapes, and ships his product. He is also a stockholder and a director in the First National Bank of North East, and is one of the real estate operators in that city.

He married in March of 1866 Louisa Davis, born in North East, a daughter of William Davis, and they had two children, Louisa, the wife of W. A. Walker, of New York City, and Mary, who died in infancy. The wife and mother is also deceased, dying in January of 1900. He is a Republican, a Mason and a member of John Braden Post Grand Army of the Republic.

Jefferson Shufelt. A man of scholarly tastes and ambition, who, through his own efforts, has obtained a vast fund of practical knowledge, Jefferson Shufelt followed the profession of a teacher many years, but is now extensively and successfully engaged in the dairy and creamery business in Pont, Erie county. A native of New York state, he was born, January 22, 1868, in Columbia county, in the town of Hillsdale. His father, Nicholas Shufelt, a farmer by occupation, spent the larger part of his active life in Columbia county, where his death occurred, in 1909, at the venerable age of ninety-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Loxea Bushnell, died at the age of eighty-seven years, in 1908. They were the parents of four sons, one of whom is not living, the others being as follows: John, a farmer

in Columbia county, New York; Peter, engaged in agricultural pursuits in the same county; and Jefferson, of this sketch.

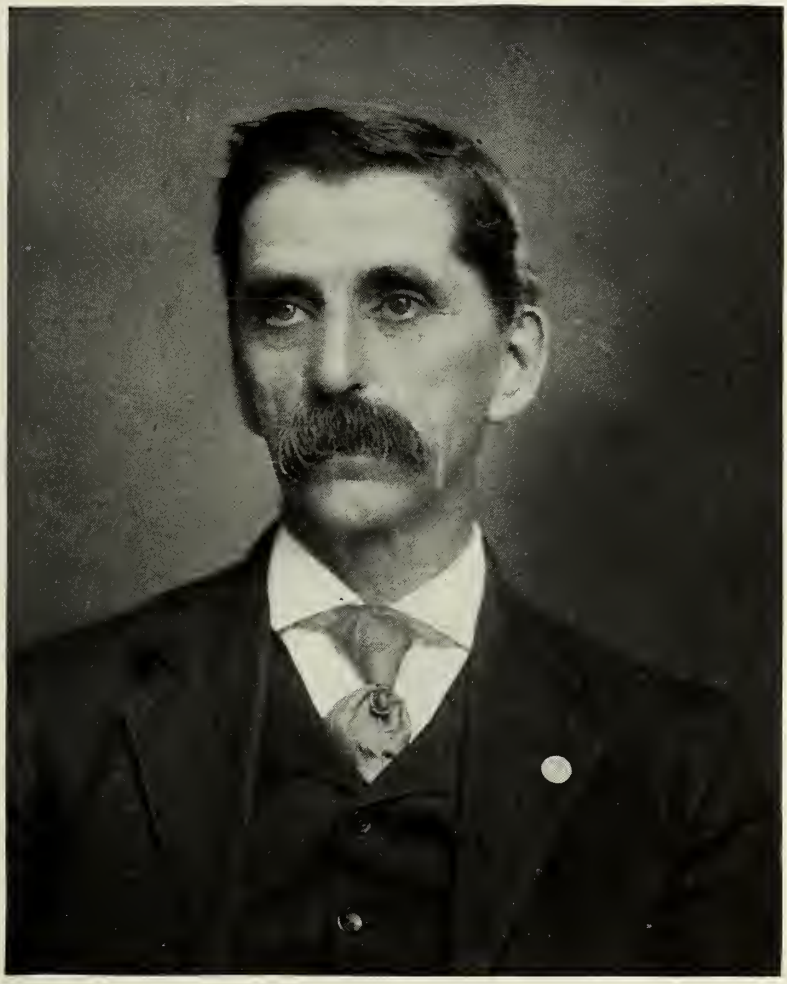
From the age of fourteen years until reaching his majority, Jefferson Shufelt worked for wages as a farm laborer, and by dint of prudent economy saved the tidy sum of three hundred dollars. Wishing to further advance his education, he then attended Starkey Institute, in Eddytown, New York, for a year, after which he taught school for two years. With the money thus earned, he studied for a year at the Fairfield Military Institute, and then resumed his professional labors, teaching until he had saved a sufficient sum to enable him to enter Keuka Institute and College, where he completed the junior course in Latin and was a student four years. Forced to give up his studies on account of his health, Mr. Shufelt, feeling the need of an out-door life, resumed his agricultural labors, working on the farm during seed time and harvest, and teaching school during the winter terms for three years. He subsequently turned his attention to dairying, and for eight years operated a creamery in his native state and in Erie county, Pennsylvania, making butter and cheese. Coming to Erie county in 1905, Mr. Shufelt purchased the old Cold Spring creamery in Pont, equipped it with modern machinery and appliances, and has now one of the leading creameries in Erie county, handling over a million pounds of milk for the season.

Mr. Shufelt married, October 10, 1903, Myrtle Gifford, who was born in Fulton county, New York, August 11, 1875, a daughter of Levi W. and Algina (Sweatman) Gifford, the latter of whom was born at Cranberry Creek, New York. Levi W. Gifford is a glove manufacturer and distributer. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford have ten children, namely: Myrtle, wife of Mr. Shufelt; Edna, wife of L. Gilbert, a farmer; Bertha, wife of T. Gibbons, a dairyman in the state of Montana; Charles, farming in his home town; Earl, engaged in mining in Colorado; Basil; Grace; Dayton; Beatrice; and Stella. Mr. and Mrs. Shufelt have two children, namely: Milton, aged five years, and Grace, two years of age. Politically Mr. Shufelt is independent, voting according to the dictates of his conscience, without regard to party affiliations. Fraternally he is a member of Mayfield Lodge, No. 686, I. O. O. F., of Mayfield, New York, and religiously his wife belongs to the Christian church.

Wilbur Davis, a native born citizen of Erie county, was born in Amity township, May 13, 1846. He is the son of George W. and Marion (Findley) Davis, and grandson of Phineas Davis. Phineas Davis, a native of New York state, married Miss Root, and removed to Erie county, in 1841; his wife died, leaving one son, George W., and after her death Mr. Davis returned to New York state. Here he married his first wife's sister, by whom he had children as follows: Mary, now Mrs. Heinbough; Lydia, Mrs. Graves; Phebe; Experience; Josiah; Charles; Adolphus and Edward.

George W. Davis was born in Madison county, New York, in 1821, and removed to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1841. He first purchased seventy-five acres of land and built a log cabin, in which the family lived for several years. By his industry and thrift he cleared his land for cultivation, and made many improvements in his estate. He sold his first farm and purchased one of twice the size.

Ellen L. Gifford



J. C. Gifford

He was upright and honorable in his dealings with his fellow men, and an earnest member of the United Brethren church. He held the township offices of Tax collector, assessor and school director. He died July 29, 1903. His wife, Marion Findley, was the daughter of an early settler in Erie county, who located first at Beaverdam, Concord township, where the land was in its virgin state. The Findley family led the hard life of pioneers; the nearest grist mill was at Meadville, and the trip took up two or three days, so the neighbors made an arrangement whereby each took his turn carrying grist to the mill for the entire neighborhood. The Findleys settled in Erie county soon after the Mills. George W. and Marion (Findley) Davis were married June 19, 1845, and to them were born the following children: Wilbur, Victor, Ira, Ralph, Mrs. Ella Graf, Frank (deceased), Mrs. Ida Jordan, Mrs. Flora Jones, Mrs. Dora Clough and Ella (deceased).

Wilbur Davis was reared and educated in his native town, and was trained for agricultural pursuits; he has been successful in his undertakings and has now retired from active labor. In 1864, hearing and heeding the call of his country, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served to the end of the war, at which time he was honorably discharged. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Union City, of which he is past commander; he has been honored with nearly every office in the post, and is now serving as junior vice commander (1909). He has also represented his post in the following encampments: Buffalo, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Washington, D. C., in 1903; Gettysburg, in 1904; Denver, Colorado, 1905; Saratoga, New York, 1907; Toledo, Ohio, 1908. Mr. David is a respected and patriotic citizen, and enjoys the friendship and esteem of a large number of people.

Mr. Davis married, January 1, 1869, Ellen, daughter of Uriah and Emeline (Dunham) Carl, and to them was born one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Davis was born in 1845, in Chautauqua county, New York. Mr. Davis is a Republican and he first voted for Lincoln in the ranks and voted the Republican ticket ever since. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

James P. Gifford, one of the prominent agriculturists of Harbor Creek township, is a native son of Erie county, born in North East township, June 10, 1845, a son of Ebenezer F. and Betsy (Loveless) Gifford, from eastern New York, and a grandson of David Gifford, from Connecticut, and David Loveless, from England. David Gifford served eight years in the Revolutionary war under Washington, and he was one of the first settlers of Harbor Creek township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death in about the year of 1847. Ebenezer F. Gifford and Betsy Loveless were married in New York, which continued as their home for some years, the husband following farming, carpentering and blacksmithing. In 1830 they came to North East township in Erie county, where he owned and operated a mill and farmed, and he died there in the year of 1867. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. His wife survived him for many years and died in 1891. In their family were seven sons and four daughters, of whom five are now living: G. W., of Humboldt, Kansas; D. F., whose home is

in Oregon; A. J., who resides in Miller, Hand county, South Dakota; Martha M., the wife of G. B. Wright, of Sugar Grove, Warren county, Pennsylvania.

The old Gifford farm in North East township continued as the home of James P. Gifford as long as his parents lived, he conducting its work until moving to and buying a half interest in seventy-six acres in Harbor Creek township belonging to his wife's father, she owning the remaining half. The farm is splendidly adapted to the raising of fruit, and eighteen acres is devoted to grape culture, two acres to plums and prunes, one acre to peaches and two and a half acres to apples, the different varieties giving splendid returns to the owner.

On the 10th of January, 1871, Mr. Gifford was united in marriage to Ellen L. Green, who was born in Harbor Creek township, August 21, 1847, a daughter of Philo H. and Betsy L. (Gleason) Green, from New York, and a granddaughter of Charles and Catherine (Bowers) Green, born respectively in New York and Canada, and of William and Polly (Smith) Gleason, from Chautauqua county, New York. The six children of this union are: Ebben P., of Harbor Creek; Charles A., of Youngstown, Ohio; Russell J. W., of Erie, Pennsylvania; George H., who with his brother Ebben is the proprietor of a general feed store and cider mill; and Arthur W. and Albert P., both at home with their parents. Mr. Gifford, the father, is an independent political voter, and he has served two terms each as assessor and school director. Both he and his wife are members of the order of Patrons of Husbandry and of the National Grange. In the former he has served as master of the subordinate lodge No. 385 and as assistant steward in Erie county and of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and he is also a deputy to the state master in Erie county. During six years Mrs. Gifford has been Pomona of Pomona Grange in Erie county She is a poetical writer of local renown, and has contributed many splendid articles for memorial services in the county Grange.

David Knowles, deceased, was for many years identified with the farming interests of Erie county. He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1833. It was in the year of 1886 that he came to Erie county, but a few years afterward, on the 2d of December, 1893, he was called to the home beyond, and he was laid to rest in Beaver county.

Mr. Knowles married into one of the oldest families of Erie county. His wife, Susan D. Sturgeon, was a daughter of William R. and Eleanor M. (Allison) Sturgeon and a granddaughter of William and Jane (Calhoun) Sturgeon, names that are familiar throughout this county. William and Jane (Calhoun) Sturgeon were born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and located in Fairview, then called Sturgeonville, about 1804. He gave the name of Sturgeonville to the place, and ever remained one of its active supporters. Immediately following his arrival here he began cutting away the trees for a space on which to erect his little log cabin home, and after sowing some wheat he returned home and in the following spring brought his family here on horseback. His first holding of land was four hundred acres, which he cleared and improved, and in time bought another tract of one hundred acres. In his will he donated seventy acres of his land to the maintenance of the Presbyterian church at Fairview,

for he was ever a loyal supporter of its interests, a true Christian gentleman. In the family of William and Jane Sturgeon were nine children, as follows: John; Margaret, who married John Ferguson; Samuel; Eleanor, who married Levi Warren; Maria, who married Cyrus Plow; William, mentioned below; Thomas; Jane, who married Andrew Caughey; and Judah.

William Sturgeon was born in Fairview in 1804, and throughout his entire business career he was a successful farmer. By his wife Eleanor M. Allison he had nine children, namely: Octavius, deceased; Nancy, now Mrs. Monroe and living in Oregon; Rosanna, deceased; Mary Jane, the deceased wife of Rev. J. H. Vance; Susan, who became the wife of David Knowles; William O, whose home is in Graham county, Kansas; Perry, of Fairview; Charlotte, who became Mrs. Hubbard and is living in Panama, New York; and Helen, who is Mrs. Hudson and a resident of Woodland, California. Mr. Sturgeon, the father, died September 14, 1861.

William Sturgeon, the grandfather of Mrs. Knowles, built the first hotel in Fairview and conducted it for many years. He was a man widely and favorably known throughout this part of the state, and his name is indelibly engraved on the pages of its history. Mrs. Susan D. Knowles departed this life June 23, 1909, and her remains are interred in Fairview Cemetery.

Earl J. Howland, a prosperous farmer of Union township, owns and operates a farm of fifty acres of valuable land, which he devotes principally to dairying purposes. He was born in Erie county, at Lake Pleasant, Venango township, March 4, 1876, and is the son of Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Howland, the former of Otsego county, and the latter of Schoharie county, New York. Jacob Howland removed to Erie county with his family in 1870, and there followed his trade of stone mason until his death, in 1884. His widow married Mr. Hatch, a broom manufacturer, of Union City. Jacob and Martha Howland had two children, Levi W. and Earl J.

Earl J. Howland received his education partly in Erie county and partly in Binghamton, New York, to which his parents removed. His first independent enterprise was repairing and selling bicycles at Union City, which business he carried on for two years, but his ambition to better his condition led him to a larger town, and he removed to Rochester, New York, where he found employment in the mercantile house of Sibley, Lindsey & Curr, where he spent two years in the sporting goods department. He then removed to Erie, Pennsylvania, where he spent a couple of years in the produce business, but he thought he would find some other line more pleasant and remunerative, and began dealing in toys and talking machines, at which enterprise he met with pleasing success, and which he conducted for three years. In 1908 he removed to the farm which he now occupies. He has nine head of cattle, and intends enlarging his herd from time to time, also to embark extensively into the line of poultry. His farm contains a sugar bush of some four hundred trees, from which he derives a very good revenue. He is enterprising and energetic, conducting his affairs in a business-like manner, and has made a close study of agricultural methods.

Mr. Howland married, in 1899, Dora B., daughter of Charles and Hannah Goodwin, and to them have been born two children, Dorothy and Donald, both healthy and promising. Mr. Howland is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Union City.

Malcolm J. Morrison, was born in Scotland, near Glasgow, October 24, 1842, but coming to the United States in his early life he continued closely associated with the business life and history of Erie county during the greater part of his life. It was in the year of 1860 that he crossed the ocean to American shores, stopping first in Canada—then in Buffalo, New York, and for about a year he followed the life of a sailor. Coming then to Erie county about the year 1860 he located on the lake road in the northern part of Fairview township and farmed until his retirement from active life in 1903. He gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, and he was a member of the Protected Home Circle.

Mr. Morrison married in 1868 Miss Irene I. Melhorn, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sturgeon) Melhorn. Daniel Melhorn was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1822, a son of John and Sarah (Kaffroth) Melhorn, a German family who moved in a wagon from Lancaster county to the northern part of Fairview township when their son Daniel was a small boy, establishing their home in the woods. John Melhorn was born January 22, 1792, and his wife January 20, 1790, and their children were as follows: Henry, born November 16, 1817; Elizabeth, March 2, 1819; Josiah, October 7, 1820; Daniel, February 25, 1822; Caroline, December 19, 1823; John K., January 20, 1826; Samuel, November 3, 1829; and Abiline, October 6, 1832. For a short while Daniel Melhorn owned and operated a boat on the canal, and to this Erie county pioneer belongs the credit of sawing out the old flag stone from a quarry near his home in Fairview township and placing it where it yet stands in front of the old custom house in Erie. To Daniel Melhorn and his wife were born: Irene, who became the wife of Mr. Morrison, Eugenia, Viola V. and Scott W., all of whom are now deceased with the exception of the eldest. Daniel Melhorn died June 14, 1888, and his wife survived until the 11 of February, 1907, dying at the age of eighty-three years, and both lie buried in the cemetery at Fairview.

The following children were born to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison; Donalda, who was born June 29, 1869, and died June 25, 1891; Carrie L., who was born June 27, 1871, married Ernest Bumgartner, by whom she had one child, Carl E., and she died on the 7th of June, 1894; Anna V., born July 2, 1874, married George Traut, by whom she had one child, Charles R.; Sarah, born March 22, 1878, died February 2, 1885; D. Clyde, born August 27, 1880, lives in North Dakota; Margaret C., born March 26, 1883, lives at home with her mother; she graduated from Fairview high school and is a lover of music; and Malcolm, born September 11, 1884, is deceased. On the 12th of January, 1907, Malcolm J. Morrison completed his work on earth and passed to the higher life, but in memory he will long be remembered by those who knew him.

Mrs. Isabella B. Manvil, one of the few women of Union township to manage a profitable dairy business, and depending entirely on

her own knowledge and experience, has been very successful in her enterprise. She was born in Oxford county, Maine, sixty miles from Portland, and received a good education, becoming a young woman of refinement and culture. She married, in 1851, Fred A. Barstow, and they became the parents of one son, Charles L. Mr. Barstow died in 1868, and in 1870 Mrs. Barstow removed to Erie county, Pennsylvania, which has since been her home. In 1890 she became the wife of Nelson B. Manvil, who died in 1891, without issue.

Mrs. Manvil is a woman of rare mental attainments, of wide knowledge and deep thought. She owns fifty acres of land, and keeps a very fine herd of Jersey cows, twenty-five in number; the head of the herd is a descendant of Stog Pogies, one of the leading strains of Jerseys, and the leading dam is from the St. Lambert strain. The average test of milk from the herd shows the remarkably high test of 66% butter fat. Mrs. Manvil has reason to be proud of the results of her efforts. She is a student of the book of nature, and in religious belief has faith in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, the unlimited mercy and love of the Divine Ruler, and the ultimate salvation of all.

Charles L. Barstow, son of Mrs. Manvil, was born in Maine, April 15, 1858, and removed to Erie county, Union township, in 1872, two years after his mother's removal to that place; he spent sixteen years in New York state since that time, and in 1901 returned to Union township, where he now owns a farm of fifty acres, chiefly devoted to dairying. He was married, February 22, 1877, to Alice A., daughter of Barrett and Lorena M. (Masten) Burt, who was born in New York state, August 26, 1858, and to them have been born children as follows: Isabella B., born January 25, 1878, now the wife of F. Bishop; Iona L., born April 1, 1882, deceased; Frederick A., born November 23, 1883, married Myrtie Maynard; Charles M., born March 26, 1886, deceased; Leon A., born October 1, 1894; Barrett E., born June 20, 1896; and Charles L., Jr., born April 27, 1899, deceased.

William F. Tracy. An industrious and prosperous agriculturist, engaged in dairy farming and horticulture at Corry, this county, William F. Tracy is also a thoughtful, useful and moral citizen, and a stable honor to the community. He is worthy of representing one of the first families to establish itself in this part of the state, its special founder in this section being John Tracy who migrated from Connecticut to Erie county in 1799. Tracing the genealogy still further into the past, it is learned that the progenitor of the family in the United States was Lieutenant Thomas Tracy, who settled at Norwich, that state, in the early times of the colonies. Benjamin, the great-grandfather of William F., moved from Preston, Connecticut, in 1780, Shubael, the third of his four sons being born at that place on the 12th of February, 1773. He (the paternal grandfather) married Miss Diana Cottrel, located in Erie county in 1833, and died at Girard August 10, 1864. The parents were Charles B. and Maria Tracy—the father born at Mount Morris, New York, June 7, 1826, and the mother at Otsego, that state, on the 21st of August, 1829. They were married in 1850 and the following children were born to them: Matilda A., Diana, William F., Susie A., Rose E., Robert N., Daniel R. and D. L. The father, Charles B. Tracy, owned a farm in Greene town-

ship and another in Illinois, and was a farmer of means and influence. He died January 22, 1903.

William F. Tracy, of this sketch, was born January 9, 1859; has earned a high reputation as a thorough farmer, and has been prominent in the religious affairs of his township. He has owned his present farm, which consists of sixty acres, since 1899, and has a fine dairy and a large and productive orchard of both large and small fruits. In 1908 he erected a fine residence on his homestead, which greatly adds to the attractiveness of the property and is a speaking evidence of its proprietor's substantial standing. He is deeply interested in the improvement of his township and has done faithful work as road commissioner of the district. In the affairs of the Methodist church he has attained special prominence, as is indicated by his service as steward, trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. On March 11, 1886, Mr. Tracy wedded Miss Martha B. Randall, who bore him two children: Oliver W. H., who died at the age of three years, and Mabel May. On September 9, 1901, some years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Tracy married Miss Carrie B. Watts, of Savannah, Georgia. Politically he is a Prohibitionist.

John Albion Cordner. Noteworthy among the esteemed and respected residents of Erie county is John A. Cordner, who holds high rank among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Concord township, where he is prosperously engaged in dairying and general farming. A son of A. C. Cordner, he was born in Concord township, near Lovell's Station, February 20, 1855, coming on the paternal side of the house of thrifty Irish stock. John Cordner, his grandfather, emigrated, when about twenty-one years old, to the United States, and subsequently married Elizabeth Shadduck, who was born in Maryland, of English ancestors. Of their union twelve children were born, of whom eight are living, as follows: A. C.; James; William; Joseph; Albert; Benjamin; Margaret, wife of J. Anderson; and Diana, wife of E. Chandler.

On July 25, 1830, A. C. Cordner was born, his birth occurring in Belmont county, New York. Soon after beginning life on his own account, he settled in Erie county as a farmer. He afterward spent a few years in Ohio, but, in 1860, returned to Concord township, his former home, purchased fifty acres of land, four, only, of which were cleared, and here continued his agricultural labors. Succeeding well in his undertakings, he bought another fifty-acre tract of land in 1880, and has now a finely improved and valuable estate, one of the most desirable in the neighborhood. On April 5, 1852, he married Margaret McCray, who was born, June 6, 1832, in Warren county, Pennsylvania. Seven children blessed their union, namely: John A., of this sketch; Theodore E.; Frederick, deceased; Georgiette, deceased; Lizzie, wife of Elmer Kinney; Eloise; and Rev. Archie M., a minister in the Wesleyan Methodist church.

But a year old when his parents removed to Ohio, John A. Cordner spent his early childhood in that state. After leaving school, he went to Mount Jewett, McKean county, Pennsylvania, where he remained about five years. Returning to Erie county, he invested his money in land, in 1883 buying his present farm of fifty acres, and in its management has met with deserved success. He is well versed

in all branches of agriculture, but is making a specialty of dairying, a branch of the industry that he finds satisfactory and profitable.

Mr. Cordner married, April 14, 1884, Della Crowell, a native of New York state, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Edna, born in 1885, and Earl, born in December, 1890. Edna married C. Lilly, and has two children, Reid and one other.

SQUIRE W. GILBERT, a general and dairy farmer of substantial standing and a respected resident of McKean township, is a native of Erie county, born in Amity township, July 9, 1857. He is a son of Jacob and Aurelia (Trask) Gilbert, his mother being a sister of Mrs. Webb Hunt, mentioned elsewhere in this work. In the days when the country was given over to the forests and their wild denizens, the paternal grandparents of S. W. entered the region included in the present county and located on two hundred acres of untilled land situated on French creek. This virgin tract was cleared of timber, well cultivated and wielded for years goodly returns of crops and other family comforts. There, also, the grandparents died and the father was born. The latter, Jacob Gilbert, appears to have divided his time almost equally between operations in the oil country and agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Gilbert, of this sketch, was born on the old homestead and received a district school education in the neighborhood. From early in life to the present he has been engaged in some form of agricultural industry, his interests for some years being those of a general farmer and dairyman, and his life-long residence in the county has brought him naught but the highest respect for his unassuming abilities, his strict integrity and his fine traits as a family man and a citizen in the broader sense. Outside the circle of his household and immediate friends his social and fraternal life is chiefly connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp McKean, of which he has been an active member for some years.

Mr. Gilbert's wife was before her marriage Miss Jessie H. Wood, daughter of Benjamin C. and Emily E. (Middleton) Wood. In June, 1833, as a youth of eighteen years, the former came with his parents (Daniel and Amy Wood) to McKean township. There the grandparents established the family homestead on a tract of land comprising two hundred acres, which was then a forest wilderness, and in its cultivation and improvement spent the remainder of their lives. Daniel, the grandfather and founder of the family in Erie county, was a son of David, who, in turn, was a son of Jonathan, the ancestral home having been in the state of New York for several generations. Benjamin C. Wood, Mrs. Gilbert's father, passed his life on the old place engaged in farming, and was the father of Alvinia A., Jessie H. (Mrs. Gilbert) and Bertha A. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Gilbert have become the parents of nine children, as follows: Nina A., born September 9, 1879, who married W. Porter and is the father of Lillian W. and Linn W. Porter; Florence E., who was born June 30, 1885, is the wife of Kent Stafford and the mother of Louis; Arthur B., born April 7, 1887; Alice J., now Mrs. Groves Wilson, who was born October 28, 1889; Floyd J., born November 4, 1890; Leafy O., born December 23, 1892; Eddy G., born May 7, 1894; Benjamin W., born April 23,

1896, and Esther I., born September 7, 1901. Mr. Gilbert is a Republican.

Walter E. McCray, the enterprising proprietor of the Lovell creamery, was born in Concord township, Erie county, in 1859, and is the son of William and Amelia McCray, natives, respectively, of Titusville, Pennsylvania, and Concord township, Erie county, same state. The McCrays are of Scotch-Irish extraction, and the name is common in Concord township. The first of the family to settle here was James, great-grandfather of Walter E. McCray. James McCray removed from Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, in 1799, to Erie county; his children were: Joseph, James, William, John, George, Robert, Ellen, Betsy and Jane. The oldest son, Joseph, was a soldier in the War of 1812. When the family first came to Erie county the country was just opening up, and the explorers of the wilderness were looking for places to settle and build homes. Walter McCray's grandfather, familiarly known as "Deacon" Robert, came from Titusville about the same time as his son William, and purchased two hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Concord township; his children were: Margaret, William, Absalom and Susan.

William McCray, a large land holder and extensive lumber dealer, was a man of considerable wealth and social importance. At one time he embarked in the butcher business at Corry, in company with a Mr. Hubbard; he served as commissioner in the township, and also helped in the survey of township lands. William McCray died January 22, 1903, and his wife died April 13, 1891. Their children were: Leslie, Emery, Effie, Harry and Walter E.

Walter E. McCray received his education in the common schools of his native township, and later took up farming, which he followed until deciding to learn butter-making. In 1894, in partnership with B. J. Crowell, he started the creamery, and eight years later bought out his partner and has since operated the business on his own responsibility and in his own name. He is an experienced and skilled butter maker, and has a large patronage; he handles from ten thousand to twelve thousand pounds of milk per day, and manufactures on an average seventy-eight thousand eight hundred and forty-three pounds of butter per year. He also owns a small farm at Lovells Station. His fellow-citizens have honored him by electing him to the offices of tax collector and township treasurer, each of which positions he has filled acceptably for three years.

Mr. McCray married, in 1899, Amy, daughter of Francis and Kate (Sullivan) Bates, and they have been blessed with four children, namely: Fay, Clifford, Theodore and Guy.

Samuel Stowell. The venerable and rugged Samuel Stowell, who is still living on his fine farm of sixty-seven acres in Concord township which he has owned for half a century, is one of the most widely known of the Erie county pioneers. Now more than eighty years of age and truly an "old bachelor," he is still in robust health and vigorously supervises the general operations of his farm, in whose appearance and productiveness he takes the old-time pride and with which he is thoroughly and excusably in love. To have been the owner of a homestead since 1849, and been the chief factor in its de-

velopment, means that the heart tendrils of its master are tightened close around it in 1909.

Samuel Stowell is a son of Oliver and Wealthy (Parker) Stowell and comes of an old and substantial family of Vermont. In 1835 the parents brought their nine children to their new home in Concord township, where the father had purchased three hundred acres of unbroken land. In after years this was cleared and made productive by his three sons, as the head of the family passed away from the scene of his faithful labors just one year and a day from the time the household was established in Erie county. The children of the family were Esther, Nancy, Oliver, Harriet, Isaac, Clistie, Louise, Samuel and Caroline, the four last named being alive. Clistie has been married three times, and is the mother of Mary, Emory and Emma. Her last husband was a Mr. Baker, and Louise also married a gentleman by that name. Mrs. Louise Baker is the mother of eleven children, viz.: Helen, Louise, Jay, Lydia, Mary, Lewis, Willis, Alice, Belle, Eva and Charles. Caroline is the widow of Mr. Hyde who died in February, 1894. She was born in 1832, married in 1857, and is the mother of Frank, William and Inies. As stated, Samuel Stowell never married, but will leave behind him a record of useful and good works and a kindly and elevating influence. He is a Republican. Grandfather Parker was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

William H. Baker. Erie county is the center of a rich agricultural region, and prominent among the brave and enterprising pioneer settlers that did so much toward the development and advancement of its many industrial resources was the late William H. Baker, for more than half a century a resident of Concord township, and one of its most intelligent and respected farmers. A son of William Baker, he was born, April 3, 1820, in Lancaster, Erie county, New York, of English ancestry. His grandparents, Timothy and Hannah (Candy) Baker, were people of worth and integrity.

Jeremiah Baker was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Polly Stevens, he had six children: Cynthia, Dorus, Jeremiah, Lewis, James, and Susanna. He married for his second wife Mrs. Lizzie (Baker) Hallett, by whom he had four children: William H., Hannah, Minerva, and Polly.

Brought up and educated in New York State, William H. Baker located in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, soon after his marriage, but not liking the place well enough to settle there permanently came, in 1848, to Erie county in search of a more favorable location. After looking about for a brief time, he bought fifty-six acres of wild land in Concord township, and immediately began the improvement of a homestead. He bought fifty-six acres in another part of Concord township, and then one hundred and seventy acres more in Union and Concord townships. He had over four hundred acres of land at one time. His unwearied industry, and skill in the management of his land, soon enabled him to reap abundant harvests each year, and he became known as one of the leading agriculturists and business men of his community. A man of undisputed integrity, Mr. Baker won the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen to a marked degree, and his death, which occurred March 31, 1903, was a cause of general regret.

Mr. Baker married, October 22, 1843, Louisa Stowell, who was born, May 8, 1827, in Vermont, being the descendant of a New England family of note. Mrs. Baker still resides, in 1909, on the home farm, a venerable and highly esteemed woman. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker, namely: Helen E., married J. Tewksbury; Louisa W., wedded Milo Ames; Jerry F., married Belle Stranahan; Marietta, wife of William H. Wade; Lydia A.; Emma C.; Lewis O., married first Lillie B. Webb, and married second Clara A. Watson; Alice J.; Willis married for his first wife Florence Wilcox, and married for his second wife Leona Tuttle; a son that died in infancy; Belle, wife of Harry E. Rice; Charles F., still unmarried, resides on the old homestead; and Eva M., wife of Archie J. Webb. Mr. Baker was a Republican.

George W. Spencer. Among the native-born citizens of Erie county who have spent their lives within its boundaries, and have aided in every possible way its growth and development, whether relating to its agricultural, commercial or financial interests, is George W. Spencer, whose birth occurred August 9, 1835, in Wayne township, where he lived for three score and ten years, removing to Corry, his present place of residence, in 1905. Coming from a long line of honored New England ancestors, he inherited in no small measure those sterling qualities of heart and mind that have gained for him a place of influence among his fellow-men, and won for him signal success in the business world.

Matthias Spencer, father of George W. Spencer, was born in East Haddam, Connecticut, November 15, 1795, and there spent his earlier years. While living in Columbus, Pennsylvania, on July 9, 1818, he married Harriet Smith, who was born in Bridgewater, New York. Some years later, probably about 1830, he came with his family to Wayne township, Erie county, being among the pioneer settlers of the place. Purchasing 525 acres of land that was still in its virgin wildness, he began the Herculean task of improving a homestead. He was a hard-working, persevering man, one who observed and thought for himself, and his labors were crowned with success, as in the years that followed, he, with the aid of his sons, made various and substantial improvements, converting the raw land into valuable and productive farms. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade to some extent in conjunction with general farming, promoting as far as possible the industrial interests of the pioneer settlement. He was a man of eminent piety, a stanch churchman, and as a local preacher held a conspicuous position in the Methodist Episcopal church. He far outlived the allotted three score and ten years of man's life, dying, May 1, 1882, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. His wife preceded him to the better world, passing away May 7, 1858. Eight sons were born to them, namely: William O., a farmer, born in Columbus, Chenango county, New York, in 1819; David, a farmer, born in 1820; John W., born in 1823, was an attorney in Rising Sun, Indiana; Dr. Edmund V., born in 1825, practiced medicine in Mount Vernon, Indiana; Dr. Henry A., born in 1828, was a physician in Erie; Harry H., born in 1830; Elijah M., born in Wayne township, Erie county, in 1831, was for many years a prominent lawyer in Mount Vernon, Indiana; and George W., of this brief biographical sketch. From the

foregoing record, it will be seen that four, at least, of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Spencer attained prominence in professional circles, two having been identified with the law, and two having been physicians, while George W., the youngest son, not to be out-classed by his older brothers, developed to a considerable extent his artistic talent, and is a musician of ability.

Obtaining a practical education in the district schools, George W. Spencer began life for himself as a lumber manufacturer and dealer, until the breaking out of the Civil war shipping it in large quantities as far as the Ohio river. The war interfering with his operations in that line of industry, he subsequently devoted his attention to farming and cattle dealing, building up and maintaining for many years a substantial business. Until 1905, Mr. Spencer resided in Wayne township, but since that time has lived in Corry, retired from active pursuits, enjoying the wealth obtained by years of earnest and honest labor.

On June 10, 1875, Mr. Spencer married Emily, daughter of Herman and Jane (Smith) Abby. She was born, February 18, 1843, in Wayne township, Erie county, of pioneer stock, being a granddaughter on the maternal side of Samuel Smith, who settled in Wayne township in 1797. Samuel Smith was born in Ireland, June 16, 1774, and with three of his brothers emigrated to the United States in 1796. For a few months they all lived near Philadelphia, but in 1797 came to Erie county, locating in what is now Wayne township, bringing all of their household effects with them. They bought four hundred acres of land, improved farms, upon which they lived until 1818, when they moved to another part of the township. With the other pioneers they suffered all the privations and hardships of frontier life, laboring with toilsome perseverance in winter's cold and summer's heat to place their land under cultivation. In 1822 one of the brothers, William Smith, erected a log barn on his farm, a building one hundred feet long, and fifty feet wide. Not only as a matter of courtesy, but from necessity, all of the neighbors were invited to be present at the raising, and it is said, with good authority, that on that occasion the whole of a roasted ox, and a barrel of good whiskey, was consumed by the crowd that gathered there to assist. Samuel Smith married Jane Dickey, who was also a native of Ireland, her birth occurring June 12, 1777. She died September 4, 1859, being survived by her husband, whose death occurred November 17, 1862. Of the twelve children born of their union, eleven grew to years of maturity, namely: John, Elizabeth, William, Esther, Jane, Mary, Lavina, Samuel, Nancy, Sallie, Sophia, and James D. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are the parents of four children, namely: Harriet B., born May 28, 1876; George W., Jr., born September 12, 1877, is successfully engaged in the practice of law; Harry A., born April 1, 1879; and Earl M., born May 2, 1883. Mr. Spencer is a Democrat. He is a Mason and has been for fifty-one years, perhaps the oldest Mason in the county of Erie.

John G. Gray is a worthy and prosperous farmer of Wayne township, this county, where he owns and operates a farm of one hundred acres, a portion of which is devoted to the raising of general stock and poultry and another part to the breeding of fancy varieties of stock.

Mr. Gray was born July 21, 1845, and is a native of Wayne township, where he was reared and educated, finishing his schooling at Waterford Academy. In 1864 he joined the Union army as a member of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, serving therein for three years and passing uninjured through various important battles. He was a scout under "Little Phil" in the Shenandoah valley about eight months. He was honorably discharged on the 24th of July, 1865. After the war he was united in marriage with Mrs. Jane Smith, to whom one daughter, Mary A., was born. Mr. Gray has not always confined himself to farming. For over twenty-five years he was a resident of Erie, during which period he held the office of councilman and was a citizen of influence. Since returning to Wayne township he has resumed agricultural pursuits, but has taken no part in public or political affairs. For many years he has been identified with the Grand Army of the Republic and is an honored member of Post No. 67.

Mr. Gray, of this sketch, is a son of Matthew A. and Esther (Smith) Gray, the former being born on the Juniata river, in Pennsylvania, in 1796. Both he and his brother James were soldiers in the war of 1812. It is claimed that the latter was the strongest man in Harrison's army and that one of the tests, which he successfully met, was the lifting of a cannon from the ground by main strength of hands and arms. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gray were: William (deceased), Annie, Lavinia and Robert (both deceased), Jane, Susanna (deceased), Melissa, Dr. T. H., John G. (of this sketch) and Henry M. (deceased). The father of this family died May 16, 1877, aged eighty-one years and the mother passed away in 1902, ninety-nine years old. William Gray, the paternal grandfather, in 1810 migrated from the family homestead on the Juniata river, settling at Waterford, Erie county. There he took up about four hundred acres of land, which was divided among his children in later years. By his marriage to a Miss Allison he became the father of William, James, Matthew, Robert, John, Sally, Annie and Mrs. F. Gray. Mr. Gray is a Republican.

Marquis S. Smith. After many years of varied experience both west and east, all of which fashioned him into a broad, strong and prosperous man, Marquis S. Smith, proprietor of the splendid country estate known as "Smith's Ranch," returned to the scenes of his birth and boyhood and developed a model stock farm and dairy from the old place upon which his father settled in 1852. Not only did he accomplish this after he purchased the four hundred and thirty acres forming the basis of his property, but he remodeled a spacious mansion, fit to be the central figure in his collection of vast barns and other out-buildings, the entire homestead being among the most attractive and valuable in Erie county. The water which supplies his dairy, his great stock barns and his residence is forced over the estate by means of a modern windmill surmounting a seventy-five foot tower. Two living streams, Beaver Dam creek and Slaughter run, also meander over his property, adding both to its picturesqueness and its value as a stock ranch. Another attractive feature, which is also a source of considerable revenue, is the grove of sugar maples, 1,300 in number. It is safe to say, in fact, that altogether Smith's Ranch is the best equipped establishment of the kind in Erie county,

its numerous and complete appointments being evidences of a master hand and mind. On the west side of the farm is said to be the best built barn in Erie county, being 100 by 100 feet in dimensions and erected in 1892. The stable for the cattle, 45 by 126 feet, was built in 1880, and accommodates forty head. But the most finished, even elegant building, provided for his live-stock is his horse stable, the ceiling of which is finished in matched southern pine and the wainscoting and stalls of cherry. It is 40 by 60 feet in dimensions and was completed in 1899. The floors of all his farm buildings are of cement and his granaries are lined with sheet iron. The dairy consists of sixty Durham cows and all the arrangements for handling and preserving the milk are in accord with the latest sanitary and mechanical requirements.

But Mr. Smith is seen at his best in his hospitable and handsome home, presided over with such charming dignity by his helpmate of a quarter of a century. There is revealed his many-sided individuality—his Scotch uprightness and straightforwardness and his Irish wit and buoyancy. Mr. Smith's great-grandfather was Scotch and was one of the first emigrants to America. His grandparents were Samuel and Jane (Dickey) Smith, who had twelve children. William Smith, the father, was born in Wayne township, this county, in 1801, his wife (nee Mary Nelson) being born in 1809. The children of their marriage were as follows: Ebenezer, who was born December 11, 1831, and died November 5, 1906; Dr. Samuel, who was born in 1833, was a surgeon in the Civil war and died in 1869; Nancy, born February 28, 1836; Nelson, born January 25, 1837, who was an officer in the Union army and met his death while leading a charge at a battle, on the 21st of October, 1864; Emily, who was born August 2, 1842, and died in July, 1903; Catherine, born November 4, 1844, and died January 30, 1897; Henry W., also a soldier in the Civil war, who was born June 25, 1847, and died February 4, 1896; and Marquis S., of this sketch.

Mr. Smith is a native of Wayne township, this county, born March 29, 1849; received the most of his education at Edinboro Academy, and followed agricultural pursuits until 1869. In that year he located at Central City, Colorado, where he engaged in various mining enterprises. In 1875 he returned to Wayne township and resumed farming until 1886, when he again became a resident of Leadville, Colorado, and remained there until 1904. Mr. Smith has been twice married—first, to Miss May Alden, daughter of Daniel and Harriet Alden, who died in 1880. On January 19, 1884, he wedded Miss Victoria, daughter of Solomon and Mary Sager, of Trumbull county, Ohio. There have been no children by either marriage. Mr. Smith is a Republican and is a member of Leadville Lodge No. 236, B. P. O. E.

Martin C. Howard. The Howard family, of which Martin C. Howard, the popular and successful dairy farmer of Wayne township, is a worthy representative in Erie county, is of English and Welsh origin. About 1721 Isaac Howard, the founder of the American branch, emigrated to America and landed at Marblehead, Massachusetts. Subsequently, he settled at Foster, Rhode Island, and in 1752 purchased what is now known as the Gorton Howard farm. For his

first wife he married Martha Rice, of Coventry, that state, by whom he had eight children, viz.: John, Joseph, Thomas, Isaac, William, Christopher, Daniel, and an infant. His second wife, whom he married April 7, 1770, was a widow, Mrs. H. Darbie. This original emigrant of the Howard family in America died November 4, 1776, aged seventy-five years. Captain William Howard, his fifth child, was born in Coventry, Rhode Island, in the year 1747; served in the Revolutionary war, and was also twice married. By his first wife, Deborah Sheldon (as she was known before marriage), he was the father of Mary and Stephen, and by his second (nee Hope Cook), of John G., Deborah, William H., Peter C., Danforth, Martha, Isaac, Philip, Joanna and Amy. John G. Howard, great-grandfather of Martin C., was a native of Foster, Rhode Island, born on the 31st of March, 1781, and on June 4, 1804, married, as his first wife, Sally Whitford, the ceremony occurring at Otsego, New York. His second wife was Miss Zebina Morrell. He spent his last years in Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania, where he died May 20, 1875, leaving Parmelia A., Daniel W., William C., Gorton G. and Huldah R. Daniel W., the grandfather, was born in Sherburne, Chenango county, New York, on the 29th of August, 1808; married Caroline Whitely, June 16, 1831, and in 1861 removed to Beaver Dam, Wayne township, Erie county, where he continued in mercantile pursuits until his death. His children were George W., Angeline, Charles G. (father of Martin C.), John W., Clark G. and Mark L. Charles G was born August 3, 1836; married Miss Louisa L., daughter of James Martin, on March 26, 1860, and became the father of the following: Martin C., born March 31, 1861; Frank M., born in 1863 and died in 1884; James J., born April 10, 1865; Carrie J., born in 1870 and died in 1873; Virgil R., born in 1876 and Carl S., born in 1878.

Martin C. Howard was born and reared in Wayne township, receiving his education in its public schools and his practical training as a farmer, within its limits. His industry, economy and good management have made him the owner of a fine dairy farm of one hundred and forty-five acres of land, the product being obtained from twenty head of choice milch cows. Mr. Howard has also served his township as auditor for nine years, and is now (1909) in his sixth year as tax collector. His ability and usefulness therefore covers a wide range. On January 13, 1885, he married Fannie L., daughter of Jefferson and Amanda (LaSelle) Benjamin, and their children were as follows: Harrison, born in 1889; Edith, born in 1891, and Harold R., born in 1895. Mrs. Howard was born in Herkimer county, New York, August 22, 1865, her father being a native of the same county, born April 17, 1836. Her mother was born in Fulton county, New York, February 14, 1834, and has another daughter, Alice S. Mr. Howard is a Republican. Mrs. Howard is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

David Tuttle. Of pioneer stock, David Tuttle has the distinction of being one of the oldest native-born residents of Corry, his birth having occurred, December 12, 1839, in that part of Wayne township now included within the corporate limits of the city. His father, Thomas F. Tuttle, and his grandfather, John Tuttle, were both natives of New England, where their emigrant ancestor settled on coming from England to this country.

In early pioneer days, John Tuttle came to Pennsylvania with his family, which consisted of his wife, four daughters, and two sons, Thomas F. and David. After spending a short time in Warren county, he settled in Wayne township, Erie county, where, in company with his sons, he bought extensive tracts of land on both sides of Hare creek. Improving the water power, he built a saw mill on the present site of the city of Corry, it being without doubt the first manufacturing plant of any description within the city limits, erecting it in the midst of a heavily wooded tract of land. Hewing and sawing the giant progeny of the forest into lumber, these enterprising mill men rafted it down Hare and Brokenstraw creeks to the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, disposing of all that was not sold while on the way in Cincinnati. After being associated in this industry for a number of years, they sold out, and John Tuttle, the father, returned to Warren county, and there spent his remaining years, living with a daughter in Wrightsville.

Continuing his residence in Wayne township, Thomas F. Tuttle subsequently bought another tract of timber, erected a log house for a home, and having cleared a part of the land sold it at an advance. He afterwards dealt in land to a considerable extent, buying and selling different tracts, residing in the township until his death, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Lucinda McIntire, who was born in Chenango county, New York, and came with her parents to Wayne township, Erie county, while that part of the country was still in its virgin wildness. She died at the age of three score and ten years, leaving seven daughters and one son, namely: Maria, Lucy, Helen, Olive, Margaret, Isora, Inez, and David.

Obtaining his early education in the district schools, and acquiring a good knowledge of agriculture while assisting in the care of the home farm, David Tuttle remained beneath the parental roof-tree until September, 1861. Enlisting then in Company I, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he went South with the regiment, and took part in many hard-fought engagements. From the effects of a severe wound received at the second battle of Bull Run, he lost an arm, and in February, 1864, was honorably discharged from the service. Returning to Wayne township, Mr. Tuttle remained for awhile on the home farm, after which he spent two or three years in the oil fields. He has since been a resident of Corry, his home being located in the north part of the city.

On September 13, 1876, Mr. Tuttle married Melissa Amanda Patchen, who was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1851. Left an orphan when young, she was brought up in the family of Amos Heath. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, four children have been born, namely: Jessie P.; Florence; Leslie, wife of Daniel Depew; and Thomas LeRoy.

Embert L. Belknap, a prosperous farmer of Concord township, was born April 29, 1850, and is the son of William H. and Anna (Gray) Belknap. The family is of English origin, and have always been held in high respect and esteem. William H. Belknap was born in Rensselaer county, New York, April 2, 1824, and came to Erie county, Pennsylvania about 1833, by way of the Erie Canal; he found employment in his new home, where he earned twelve dollars a month, and by

saving for some time was able to purchase the nucleus of a farm. He first became the owner of sixty acres, and about this time married and built a home. He was a man of great determination and force of character, energetic and ambitious, and by his thrift was able to buy more land from time to time, until he became possessed of three hundred and sixty acres of land in good condition; about 1851 he built a fine, commodious dwelling. He was held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens, and held nearly all the township offices at one time or another; he served from 1860 to 1863 as county auditor. In 1882 he entered mercantile life, opening and operating a general merchandise store at Aiken, in McKean county, and here he remained four years. Later he removed to Kansas temporarily to buy land, and there he purchased a valuable grain farm, and still later removed temporarily to Ohio where he was in business and where he died June 9, 1891, very suddenly. During his residence in Concord township he was an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving as one of the officers, and giving his material aid to the support of the organization. William Belknap married Anna, daughter of Matthew and Esther (Smith) Gray, December 10, 1845. She was born in Wayne township, August 14, 1826, and is now living at the age of eighty-three. Her father was the son of William Gray. William Gray married Mary Allison, September 12, 1782, and they had children as follows: Sally, born in 1783; James, 1785; Anne, 1788; William, 1790; Jane, 1793; Matthew, 1796; Robert, 1798; and John, 1803. Mrs. Gray died in January, 1823, and Mr. Gray married (second) September 22, 1824, Jane Taylor, by whom he had children as follows: Joseph, born in 1825; Benjamin, 1826; David, 1828; Samuel, 1830; Wilson, 1832 and Emily, 1834. The Gray family came from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, about 1800, and settled in Erie county, where they became possessed of about eight hundred acres of land. The father, William Gray, died January 11, 1841.

Matthew A. Gray was born February 23, 1796, and served in the war of 1812; later he became a farmer. He married, February 8, 1818, Esther Smith, born December 26, 1803, and their children were: William A., born in 1821; Jane, 1824; Anna, 1826; Benjamin D., 1828; Robert, 1830; Lavina, 1833; Susanna, 1835; Melissa M., 1838; Thomas H., 1841; John G., 1845 and Henry M., 1849.

William H. and Anna (Gray) Belknap had seven children, as follows: Charles M., Embert L., Esther, A. J. (deceased), William A., Cassius H., and Ellen M. Embert L. and Cassius are the only ones residing in Erie county.

Embert L. Belknap is an enterprising and practical farmer, and owns two hundred and seventy of the three hundred and sixty acres of land which comprised his father's homestead. His education in the common schools was supplemented by a course at Waterford Academy, and he has made a careful study of agricultural methods. He carries on a line of general farming, and is successful in the various lines of his undertaking, conducting his business with skill and judgment. He is unmarried. Politically he is a Republican, and fraternally a member of Clement Lodge No. 220, I. O. O. F., at Union City.

Byron J. Hurlbut, of Wayne township, is one of the busiest, most versatile and most successful citizens in this section of Erie county.

He is a thorough farmer and a mechanical genius; owns and operates a fine dairy farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres, and is also the proprietor and operator of a flourishing planing mill in Corry. With all his private enterprises, Mr. Hurlbut has not shirked public responsibilities, having served two terms as assessor in Wayne township.

Born in Clymer, Chatauqua county, New York, October 24, 1853, Mr. Hurlbut was reared and educated in that section of the state, where also he resided until he purchased his farm in Wayne township in 1901. In his younger days he learned the millwright trade, which he followed for a number of years, drifting afterward into the carpenter's and joiner's trade. The fact that he became a "Jack of all trades," as well as master of all those with which he was connected, induced him to identify himself with the planing mill industry; and his Corry enterprise has been growing from the moment its machinery commenced to hum.

Mr. Hurlbut's first marriage was to Miss Addie Knowlton, in 1877, and by this he has become the father of Leo and Floyd. For his second wife he married Miss Ella M. Shultz, daughter of A. and Jane M. Shultz, the ceremony occurring in 1888. The five children of this marriage are Guy and Glenn (twins), Charles, Archie and Judson. Mr. Hurlbut's parents were Judson and Lydia (Wheeler) Hurlbut, the former being a native of Otis county, New York, and the latter of Meadville, Pennsylvania. The children of the second marriage were Annis, Ida, B. J., Jennie, Mary, Jessie and Nora, and by a former marriage Judson Hurlbut had become the father of six children: Olive, Charles, Laura, Sarah, Hiram and Lucy. B. J. Hurlbut is the only son of either family to reside in Erie county. Mr. Hurlbut is a Republican, but he takes high ground on the subject of temperance.

Captain J. A. Dash, who has followed the occupation of Captain on Lake Erie for thirty-five years, with good success, was born in Erie, in 1854. He is the son of John and Susan (Dietz) Dash, and grandson of John B. and Elizabeth Dash. John B. Dash and his wife were both natives of Germany, and emigrated to America in 1830, with their family; their children were: John, Adam, Anna, Louise, Margaret, Josephine, Mollie, Mattie, Sophia and May.

John Dash, Captain Dash's father, was but a child when brought by his parents to America. He chose the profession of fisherman, and followed same for about thirty years. When he left the lake he lived on and cultivated a small farm. His wife, Susan, died in 1860, and for his second wife he married her sister, Rose Dietz, by whom he had five children.

Captain John A. Dash followed in the footsteps of his father, and became a boat owner; he has found this occupation very profitable and is often employed by the government, as well as by the "Intake" people. He now (1909) owns and operates the tug "J. A. Dash," measuring sixty feet in length and twelve feet beam. His residence is Erie, and he is a public spirited and enterprising citizen, taking interest in all movements for the city's betterment.

In 1873, Captain Dash married Mary, daughter of Andrew and Henrietta Selig, and to them no children have been born. Mary Selig was born in Erie, in 1853. Andrew Selig and his wife came to Erie about 1840; he followed his trade of baker for a number of years, and

later kept a restaurant. He died in 1894, and his wife died in 1854, at the age of twenty-seven years. They were the parents of two children, John C., a marine engineer, now deceased, and Mrs. J. A. Dash.

Glenn R. Davis. One of the rising young business men of Corry, this county, Glenn R. Davis is the proprietor of a fine store for the sale of clothing and gents' furnishing goods, at No. 19 North Center street. The appearance of his establishment and the superior quality and completeness of his stock bear abundant evidence of his good taste, his enterprise and his thorough knowledge of the business in which he is so propitiously embarked. Mr. Davis was born at French Creek, Chautauqua county, New York, on the 15th of August, 1872, and received his main education at the Fredonia State Normal. In 1897 he came to Corry to reside and to make his first business venture, and all his experiences have been of so happy a nature that he has had no desire to change his residence.

Mr. Davis is a son of Lucius G. and Perley C. (Briggs) Davis, the former being a native of Onondaga county, New York, and the latter of Wayne township, this county. Three children were born to this union—Glenn R., I. L. and Myrtle E., now Mrs. M. Knight. The mother of Mr. Davis is a daughter of Russell and Eunitia (Lampson) Briggs. Her parents were early settlers of Wayne township, this county, migrating from Ashtabula county, Ohio, and settling on a farm about 1856. The father died October 23, 1865, the mother surviving him until November 5, 1892. The children of the Briggs family were as follows: Edwin A. (deceased), Lorenzo, Perley C., Harris R. and Mary E. (deceased).

October 10, 1901, Mr. Davis wedded Miss Alice Barnes, a daughter of George N. and Delia (Bristol) Barnes. Mrs. Davis was reared and educated in Corry. She died August 24, 1908. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Clifford and Ruth. In politics Mr. Davis is a Republican.

Daniel Howles, a farmer of considerable means and of strong influence in public affairs, is the owner and cultivator of a farm of ninety acres, forty of which is in Wayne township, Pennsylvania, and the balance in Chautauqua county, New York. He has held this property in his own name since 1890, but has resided thereon since his boyhood. Mr. Howles is a native of Manchester, England, where he was born July 1, 1855; where he was reared and educated, and where he resided until his sixteenth year. At that time (1871) his parents emigrated to the United States with their family, and at once settled on the farm now owned by the son, Daniel. His father, James Howles, was a silk weaver in England, but after coming to Erie county found his trade useless and devoted himself with profit to his new avocation. The mother (nee Jane Harris) was also a native of England, the children of the family being George (now deceased), Samuel, Fannie, Daniel and Alice. The youngest son, of this sketch, is the only resident of Erie county. James Howles, the father, died in 1875, and the widow passed away in 1889.

In the year following his mother's death Daniel Howles purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead and came into sole possession of it. He has since had the enjoyment of a com-

fortable homestead and a good farm, his herd of twelve fine Holsteins and Durhams adding materially to his profits. On February 11, 1882, Mr. Howles married Miss Melissa Loveland, daughter of William and Polly A. Loveland, and the children born of their union have been as follows: Jennie, who is now Mrs. B. Lictus; James W., William A., Robert L., and Clyde Howles. Both the parents and their family are members of the Sciota Methodist church, of which Mr. Howles is a trustee and Sunday school superintendent. His high standing in the community as a moral man and an upright citizen is broadened by the public honors which his associates have bestowed upon him. In this line, is his commendable service as township clerk, road commissioner, supervisor two terms, and auditor, his incumbency of the last named office having extended into the second term. Mr. Howles is a prohibitionist and he takes a firm stand on the subject of temperance, but he is independent ofttimes in his political ideas, voting for the one he thinks best for the office.

John G. Kolstee, a worthy farmer of Wayne township, owns and conducts a dairy farm of seventy-seven acres which was formerly the property of De Forrest Jackman and William Rhodes, prominent citizens and widely known pioneers of the fifties. His fine herd of Durhams and the general appearance of the place show striking evidences of his skill, thrift and up-to-date methods, as well as his inherited traits of perfect cleanliness and neatness which descend to him from his ancient Dutch ancestry. Although Mr. Kolstee was born at Clymer, Chautauqua county, New York, on the 12th of February, 1856, his parents—William and Kate (Heslink) Kolstee—were both natives of Holland. The father was born in August, 1832, and the mother, January 1, 1840. The grandfather Heslink served ten years in the army of the Netherlands, and in 1849 emigrated with his wife to the United States. Buying a farm of thirty-five acres at Clymer, he proceeded to take up his new life with the industry and perseverance of his countrymen, and in the years which followed provided a good living and a comfortable home for his wife and growing family. He died in 1870 and his widow in April, 1893. The fourteen children born to William and Kate (Heslink) Kolstee were as follows: John G., in 1856; Wilhelmina, 1858; Lydia, 1860 (now deceased); Christine, 1861; Henry, 1864; Frank, 1865; Hannah, 1867; Jennie, 1868; William F., 1873; Sarah, 1875 (deceased); Kate, 1877 (deceased); Albert, 1879; Addie, 1882, and Laura, 1884.

On July 2, 1892, John G. Kolstee was united in marriage with Miss Addie C. Jackman, oldest daughter of James and Betsy A. (Parsons) Jackman, and their son, James W. H. Kolstee, was born April 6, 1895. Thus by marriage and by force of his own good work and sturdy character, Mr. Kolstee is a substantial and honored citizen of Wayne township. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed church at Clymer, New York, which church cost eleven thousand dollars. Mrs. Kolstee is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Kolstee is a stanch Republican.

Eugene A. Lyons, present proprietor of the old Lyons homestead in Wayne township and a well known dairy farmer of Erie county, was born in that township on the 21st of November, 1873. His grand-

parents were Jesse and Jane (Kincade) Lyons, who were among the earliest and most substantial pioneers of the county; the former died November 2, 1866, and the latter, on the 23rd following. They were married March 23, 1837, and became the parents of nine children—Andrew, Joshua, William, Amanda, Jesse, Samuel, Rosetta, Celia and Sophronia.

Andrew Lyons, the father, was also born in Wayne township, April 2, 1838. He was the proprietor of one hundred and thirty acres of land. Previously he had owned seventy-five acres just north of the one hundred and thirty-one acres, but he sold the seventy-five and purchased the one hundred and thirty-one acres. For some years, he also operated a sawmill which had been built by Jesse Lyons, the grandfather mentioned. Besides, he held such township offices as assessor and collector, and was a useful and loyal citizen in every respect. On January 20, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. Bloss, daughter of Adin and Caroline Bloss. The latter was born at French Creek, New York, on the 13th of October, 1836, and became the mother of the following: Carrie P., who was born March 17, 1872, and died September 6. 1888, and Eugene A., born November 21, 1873.

Eugene A. Lyons has been reared and educated in the vicinity of the farm which he now owns and operates—a fine tract of one hundred and thirty-one acres, which, mainly through him, has been brought to a high standard for dairy purposes. He keeps seventeen choice milch cows and his appliances are sanitary and strictly modern. Mr. Lyons has also served his fellows as a public official, as auditor of the township; is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 118 at Wattsburg, and in numerous other ways is a representative citizen. On May 19, 1896, he was married to Miss May S. Brooks, who was born in Union township, Erie county, August 10, 1875. They have become the parents of one child, Bernice P., born November 20, 1897. Mrs. Lyons is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Beaver Dam.

Mrs. Lulu M. Petitt, daughter of Dr. John L. and Eliza A. (Filly) Bennett, was born in Greene township, Erie county, in 1867, and is descended from a line of patriotic American citizens. Her great-grandfather drew a pension for service in the Revolutionary war, and her grandfather, Nicholas Bennett, was called out during the war of 1812. Nicholas Bennett was a native of New York state, and married Elizabeth Hall, of Connecticut; they had ten children, five of whom lived to manhood, namely: James, Lucius, Daniel, George and Dr. John L. Dr. John L. Bennett, now deceased, was a practicing physician in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, where he also conducted a farm. He was born in Yates county, New York, in 1821, and removed to Erie county in 1841; he purchased a tract of wild land containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, and transformed it into a productive farm, at the same time carrying on his study and practice of medicine. He studied under Dr. Chaffee, of Wattsburg, Erie county, and became extremely successful in the practice of his profession. He was a skillful practitioner and was able to effect the cure of some long-standing and chronic complaints among his patients. His demise occurred April 5, 1907, and his loss was greatly felt in the community, where his memory is held in respect and affection. Dr. Ben-

nett married, March 17, 1856, Eliza A. Filly, of Greene township, and to them were born three children, namely: Ada C., the wife of Frank Cox; William M. and Lulu M.

E. E. Petitt, son of Rev. R. J. and Lucinda Rhodes Petitt, was born in 1862 in Chautauqua county, New York, and removed with his parents to Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1876. Rev. R. J. Petitt and wife now reside in Venango township; their children are Almira, Elvin E., Edith E., Robert R. and Otis O., all of whom reside in Erie county. E. E. Petitt and Lulu Bennett were married in 1883. They own a farm of eighty acres and successfully conduct same, doing general farming and dairying. Mr. and Mrs. Petitt have five children namely: Clyde C., Bertha C., Ethel M., Goldie E., and Glenn B.

Edward J. Harvey is a prosperous farmer of Wayne township, this county, who like other agriculturists of the middle west, has adapted himself to the conditions of a well settled country and the high prices of country property by devoting himself to scientific dairying. His operations are conducted on a fine tract of seventy-five acres and his herd of ten cows is of first-class grade and in first-class hands. Mr. Harvey has also been called into the public affairs of his township, and is further well known as an active member of the Christian church, of which he is a deacon. To be an industrious, useful and moral member of the community defines a true American citizen; and Mr. Harvey possesses all of these traits.

Born May 4, 1856, and a native of Wayne county, where he received his education and training, Mr. Harvey has been engaged in some form of agriculture all his life. As might be expected, he knows his business thoroughly, which is saying much in these days of progressive and scientific husbandry. On February 22, 1877, he entered a distinctly new period of life by his marriage to Miss Emma A. Fitch, daughter of O. D. and Marcia (Dutton) Fitch. Mr. Harvey's parents were J. W. and Sarah (Lewis) Harvey, both natives of England, the former born in 1825 (February 7) and the latter, in 1817. They were married in 1849 and in the same year emigrated to the United States, settling in Wayne township, Erie county. The husband purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, only a small portion of which had been cleared, but by his industry and persistency the entire tract was cleared and developed into a handsome homestead and a productive farm; and this was something greatly to his credit, as he was a skilled painter by trade and had no experience in agriculture when he came to the United States. During his entire residence in Wayne township he was a devoted member of the Hare Creek Christian church, donating the site for its first house of worship and dying in 1902, firm in the faith of that denomination. The deceased was twice married, the children born to him, and all by his first wife, being as follows: William L., who was born in 1850, and is now deceased; Sophia S., born in 1852; Lewis W., born in 1854; Edward J., of this sketch; and Lena E. and Leon A., twins, born October 11, 1860. He married his second wife (nee Jennie M. Jones), April 5, 1884, and she passed away in 1909.

O. D. Fitch, the father of Mrs. E. J. Harvey, was a native of Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania, born April 15, 1831. His parents, Dr. M. T. C. and Clarissa (Dutton) Fitch, who were among the

earliest settlers of that county, moved to Erie county in 1841. O. D. Fitch spent the balance of his life in this section, engaged in farming and performing the duties of such local offices as that of justice of the peace. His death occurred September 14, 1905. His wife, to whom he was married January 1, 1855, was born on the 5th of July, 1837, and died July 28, 1872. The children born to their marriage were as follows: Emma, December 29, 1856; Ernest E., November 15, 1865, and Lottie E., February 24, 1871.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Harvey have become parents of eight children: Grace M., who was born December 2, 1877; S. Gertrude, October 5, 1895; Ellis E., March 10, 1884; Iva P., February 19, 1887; Frank O., December 13, 1889; Paul F., December 2, 1893; Florence L., October 5, 1898; Carlyle L., August 1, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are members of the Hare Creek Christian church.

Harris R. Briggs was born on the old farm where he still resides, August 24, 1863, the family homestead being one of the best known in Wayne township, to which his parents came from their native Ohio about seven years before his birth. Both father and son have been connected with agricultural pursuits for more than half a century, and Harris R. now owns a fine dairy farm of eighty acres, the product of which is obtained from a herd of twelve head of superior milch cows. The latter has also been called by the voters of his township to assume official honors in the conduct of public affairs. He has served as tax collector for six years, justice of the peace for one term and as the incumbent of other minor offices.

Russell Briggs, father of Harris R., was born in Ohio in 1823 and his wife (nee Eunitia Lampson) was also born in the same state and year (October 19th). About 1856 they moved from Ashtabula county to Erie county, and settled on a tract of seventy-five acres, a small portion of which had been cleared. From that time until his demise, October 23, 1865, the father was actively engaged in developing his farm and improving his entire homestead. His widow died November 5, 1892, as the mother of Edwin A. (deceased), Lorenzo, Perley C., Harris R. and May E. (deceased).

Harris R. Briggs has spent his life in Wayne township, having received his education in its district schools and cultivated its fertile soil, and drawing his support from it through his dairy pursuits. His career has been one of industry, substantial but unassuming performance, and of results in every way creditable to his moral character as well as to his ability. He has taken an active part in local politics as they effected the security and well being of his home community, but his interest in the general field has been mainly founded in the moral issue of Prohibition. On this question he has long taken an earnest and uncompromising stand in favor of the absolute suppression of all traffic in liquor. On July 16, 1889, Mr. Briggs was wedded to Miss Ora J. Cole, daughter of Albert and Emily I. Cole, and the children of his marriage have been as follows: Essie M. (deceased), Archie M., Neva E., Ema L., Russell H., Edwin A., Bernice I. and Merton L. Briggs. Mrs. Briggs is, like her husband, a native of Wayne township, the date of her birth being November 28, 1874. Both she and her husband are worthy members of the Sciota Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Briggs is a trustee.

James Davids is one of those old and honored residents of Wayne township who fully proved on many fields of the Civil war that mother earth gives to her sons a certain characteristic bravery; a heroism which is founded on the rock of steadfastness to the calls of duty and a warm and manly affection for the very soil of the nation. It was the farmers at Lexington who stood firmly before the British regulars and, more than any other one element in the country, it was the farmers who in the civil strife upheld the Union cause on their broad and trusty shoulders. Mr. Davids fought and marched for four years and seven months in the Federal ranks, and is therefore entitled to a personal application of all these remarks. As he was only in his eighteenth year when he entered the service, the earliest period of his manhood was spent in this laudable work of fully demonstrating his patriotism.

Mr. Davids was born in Amity township, this county, on the 27th of April, 1844, and was well along in his mastery of the carpenter's trade at the beginning of the Civil war. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and at the completion of his first term re-enlisted in the same company for three years, or during the war. During his entire service of over four years and a half he acted the part of the soldier as if he had been seasoned in military training. He served in both the armies of the Potomac and the West, participating in the battles of Gettysburg, Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Lookout Mountain, Ringgold, Peach Tree Creek and a number of minor skirmishes. He concluded his career as a campaigner by taking that masterly march to the sea with Sherman's army. He then returned to the fields of peace, as represented by the fertile and somewhat neglected farms of Wayne township. The young man had also had sturdy company in members of his own family, since his three brothers were all Union soldiers.

Mr. Davids is a son of Schuyler and Alvina (Peterson) Davids. His parents were Pennsylvanians and their children were Vance (deceased), Jefferson, Andrew (deceased), James and Maria. In 1876 James Davids was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Black, to whom were born Byron and Jesse. Byron took to wife Miss Ada McGann, and Jesse married Miss Ethel Shampoo, who is the mother of Lloyd. Mrs. Henrietta B. Davids died in 1885, and the husband chose as his second wife, in 1891, Mrs. Laura Brewer. Mr. Davids is the only one of the paternal family to reside in Erie county.

Julius M. Smith has spent nearly his entire life in Erie county and has occupied his fine dairy farm in Wayne township for the past twenty years. He is both a thorough agriculturist and an influential citizen of public service. Mr. Smith was born at Beaver Dam, this county, March 16, 1849, the son of Robert and Mary (Fritz) Smith. The father was a native of the same place, while the mother was born near Wattsburg, also in Erie county. Robert Smith owned and operated a productive farm of two hundred and sixty acres at Beaver Dam, and was widely known as a successful farmer and worthy citizen. The children born to this couple were Julius M. of this sketch, and Rebecca E., deceased. The paternal grandfather Smith, as well as the grandfather on the other side of the family, were of German lineage, and both were early settlers in Erie county.

Julius M. Smith obtained his education in the common schools at Beaver Dam, in which town he grew to manhood, and with the exception of five years passed in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, his residence has been continuous in Erie county. At an early day he purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty acres at Beaver Dam, which he owned and operated until the year 1889, when he bought the tract of land upon which he now resides, and though it then comprised but one hundred acres, in 1901 he added seventy-four acres to the place, at the same time selling the farm at Beaver Dam. His present estate consists of one hundred and seventy-four acres of excellent soil, which is well adapted to dairying, and he is also the possessor of a fine herd of twenty-eight cattle, largely Jerseys and Durhams, which yield a handsome profit, producing an average of five hundred pounds of milk each day. The life of comfort and independence, which has been so fairly earned by Mr. Smith, is rounded and varied by his domestic associations and the various public duties, with which his fellow citizens have entrusted him, such as those pertaining to the offices of school director and highway commissioner.

In 1875 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Brightman, daughter of Erastus and Sylvia Brightman, who were also the parents of Mary and John. William Brightman, grandfather of Mrs. Smith and a well known clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, came to Erie county in 1830, accompanying him being his wife and the following five children: Erastus, who was born in the year 1815, and died in 1897, at the age of eighty-two years; Henry, William Jr., Polly and Hannah. When migrating to Erie county from their home in the east, William Sr., drove a yoke of oxen, while the eldest son, Erastus, manned a team of horses, the distance traveled being about three hundred miles, through a wild and unsettled country. Upon arriving in the county the family located upon a tract of some four hundred acres, a portion of which is today in possession of descendants. Minnie, now the wife of Daniel J. Alexander, and Mattie, deceased, were the children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith. Mr. Smith is independent in politics and he casts his vote for the man best fitted for the office, regardless of party lines.

Bartlett B. Hawley, a well known farmer of Wayne township, Erie county, comes of substantial and honorable pioneers on both paternal and maternal sides of the family. He is a native of that township, born Nov. 11, 1858, and a son of Myron and Betsy (Bartlett) Hawley. His father, a native of Oneida county, New York, was born in 1821, and was reared and educated in the common schools. In 1845 he was united in marriage to Betsy Bartlett, who was born March 12, 1827, at Rome, Oneida county, daughter of John and Anna Bartlett. The young couple migrated to Wayne township in 1858, settling on a tract of one hundred and thirty acres, only half of which was then cultivated. But in due time the other half was cleared and, largely as a result of his energy and agricultural skill, Myron Hawley finally possessed a fertile and productive farm and a valuable homestead. When Mr. and Mrs. Hawley moved to the place there were already two houses thereon, one of which had been erected about 1819 by Elijah Carter, who had migrated to Wayne township in 1798, and the barn was erected in 1811. The other house was built by John Eagles, who

in later years purchased the place from Carter and sold it to the Hawleys upon their arrival in the township. These are unquestionably the two oldest houses in the township, and Mrs. Myron Hawley still resides in the same house into which she and her husband moved in 1858, though additions and improvements have been made from time to time. Myron Hawley and his wife became the parents of five children: Anna M., born in 1846, now the wife of L. Slye; Francis, born in 1848, who married Ella Porter, granddaughter of the Elijah Carter mentioned; George C., born in 1850; Charles in 1855; and Bartlett B., of this review. All of the children were born in Oneida county, New York, with the exception of the youngest.

At the conclusion of his school days, Bartlett Hawley learned the barber trade, which he pursued for eighteen years—nine years at Corry, and nine in the state of South Dakota. He now resides on the old family homestead and, like his father, enjoys the full confidence of his fellow citizens. Of late years he has held several township offices, in all of which he has conducted himself with fidelity and efficiency. In 1899 he was united in wedlock to Miss Clara Kennedy, and, though no children have been born to them, their domestic life has been one of harmony and useful activity. Mr. Hawley is a true blue Republican.

Oscar O. Miller, a highly respected agriculturist of Wayne township, was born in the township of Sparta, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1876, the son of J. E. and Anna (Aikens) Miller of that place. The father was a blacksmith, industriously following his trade during his earlier years, but farming during his later career. That he was a man who ranked high in the esteem of his fellows, is evinced in the fact that for several years he was justice of the peace in his township. He expired in the year 1891, his wife following him in death four years later, leaving two sons—Marshall A. of Crawford county, and Oscar O. of this sketch. Their grandfather on the paternal side of the family was Isaac Miller, one of the early pioneers of Crawford county, who migrated from the East and settled in Sparta township about the year 1829. His wife's maiden name was Scott, and she was the mother of nine children, all of whom have long since died.

Oscar O., of this review, received his schooling in his native township, where he also learned the blacksmith trade under his father, who, as already noted, was a master mechanic in his calling. For several years Oscar followed this trade with his father, at the same time assisting in carrying on the work about the homestead. Today he owns and operates a well cultivated and productive farm consisting of two hundred and ten acres of choice land, which under this care and skillful industry, has been developed into one of the most profitable quarter sections in the county. He is also the proprietor of a herd of twenty choice graded cattle, in addition to other well bred livestock. In 1899, Mr. Miller wedded Miss Anna Mixer, born in 1878, a native of Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and daughter of William and Frances Mixer. But one child has been born to this marriage—Gerald Miller. Mr. Miller is a Democrat in his political affiliations.

Peter Kuhl. One of the first families to seek a home within the borders of Greene township was that of the Kuhls, and its founder here was the grandfather of Peter, John Yost Kuhl. Coming from

his native land of Germany with his parents at the age of twelve years his first home in this country was in York county, Pennsylvania. Later with his wife, Elizabeth Orth, and their children, he came to Mill Creek township in Erie county in about 1823, and in 1835 they established their home in Greene township. Here John Yost Kuhl purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land, and with the aid of his sons he cleared and improved the tract, and there spent the remainder of his life.

Among the children of John Yost and Elizabeth (Orth) Kuhl was Peter Kuhl, Sr., who was born in York county, Pennsylvania. Before the family left their Mill Creek township home he married Susanna Fry, who was born in Lancaster county, this state. Farming was his life's occupation, and he lived and died on the old Kuhl homestead in Greene township. He and his wife reared the following children: Mrs. Sarah Hairsine, Samuel (deceased), Barbara (deceased), Mrs. Elizabeth Mead, Adam, Mrs. Mary Ann Ripley, Fred, Peter, Hiram and Mrs. Susan Breckley.

Peter Kuhl Jr., was born in Greene township, Erie county, on the 25th of October, 1845, and on the 16th of June, 1868, he was married to Miss Harriet Maria Cook, a daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Stafford) Cook, natives respectively of New York and Massachusetts, and their home after marriage was in the former commonwealth, Mrs. Cook was a descendant of the Stafford family of Staffordshire, England, and he was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Stark. Samuel Cook was well educated in an academy in Fredonia, New York, and in 1847 he came to Crawford county, Pennsylvania. To him and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Lydia Wagner, Francis Marion, Mrs. Mary Olson, Samuel Frank and Harriet Maria.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhl spent the first eight years of their married life in Harbor Creek township of Erie county, and from there they moved to the Cook homestead in Greene township, a farm of one hundred and thirty acres which Samuel Cook had secured when it was yet in its virgin state, uncleared and uncultivated. Mr. Kuhl served his township as a school director for three years, being secretary of the board during the entire time, and for a similar period he was a road commissioner. During one year he was a director in the Wattsburg Agricultural Society, and during fifteen years Mrs. Kuhl was the superintendent of its department of domestic art. During her earlier life she taught in the schools of Venango, Greene, Harbor Creek and Greenfield townships and was numbered among their prominent educators.

One daughter was born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhl, Jessie Maria, her natal day being the 6th of March, 1881. She attended the public schools of Greene township, and was the first of its students to graduate from its schools, and she also graduated from the Phillipsville High School and from the Edinboro State Normal, and during six terms she taught in Greene township. On the 24th of October, 1906, she was married to Blaine H. Gifford, who was born in Greene township and is now a resident of the city of Erie. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church there, and are also identified with the fraternal order of Odd Fellows and its auxiliary, the Rebekahs.

The religious home of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhl is the Lutheran church, and they are members of the Grange. He is a Republican.

Lewis W. Urch, a native son of Venango township, Erie county, has been a life-long farmer, and is the owner of a splendid and well improved estate of fifty acres in Greene township. He married Miss Emma F. May, a daughter of Wallace and Elmira (Lowrey) May, early pioneers of Harbor Creek township, Erie county, and to their union were born two children, Levi T. and Emma Estella. The daughter is the wife of Floyd Wakeman, and their home is in Michigan.

Levi T. Urch was born on the 5th of May, 1868, and after a good education in the Phillipsville schools of Venango township he began his business career as an agriculturist. He now owns a splendid farm of fifty acres in Greene township which joins his father's estate, and together they are engaged in general farming pursuits and dairying. On the 29th of November, 1893, Levi T. Urch was united in marriage to Miss Gladys M. May, who was born December 3, 1873, and their children are: Evelyn G., who was born November 26, 1894; Ethel E., born July 23, 1896; and Mildred F., born February 2, 1899. Mrs. Urch, the mother of these children, died on the 3d of March, 1905. Levi T. Urch is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Grange, and both he and his father give their political support to the Republican party.

Frank B. Moritz was born in Greene township, Erie county, on the 17th of August, 1857, a son of Michael and Christena (Prindal) Moritz. Michael Moritz came with his parents from his native land of Germany to the United States, and they located first in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and from there came to Greene township in Erie county. Here he was married to Miss Christena Prindal, from his own native land of Germany, who was born in 1829, and who came with her parents to the United States. They were early residents of Greene township. Both the Prindal and Moritz families cleared and improved excellent farms in this township, and Michael Moritz died here in the year of 1902, but he is still survived by his widow, whose home is in Erie.

Frank B. Moritz obtained his education in the district schools of Greene township, and learning the carpenter's trade in his early life he has followed that occupation since in connection with his general farming. His estate comprises thirty-two acres of rich and fertile land. He married on the 18th of January, 1887, Miss Elizabeth Kiminisky, who was born in Michigan, a daughter of Andrew and Ida Kiminisky, who came to this country from Poland, and from Michigan where they had first located they came to Greene township in Erie county, and have since been farming people here. The children of this union are: Gabriel, born November 10, 1887; Michael, born November 3, 1889; Andrew, on March 20, 1892; Agnes, June 24, 1896; Josephine, March 19, 1899; Rosa, December 5, 1900; and Katherine, December 10, 1904. The family are members of the St. Boniface Catholic church. Mr. Moritz is an Independent in his political sentiments.

JOHN LOREI is numbered among the agriculturists of Erie county, and he was born within the borders of Greene township on the 31st of March, 1841, a son of Peter and Mary (Schnell) Lorei, who came from Germany to this country and located in Greene township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, about the year of 1840. Peter Lorei, the father bought one hundred acres of land in the then dense woods on the Lake Pleasant road, and in time he cleared and improved that tract, and the farm continued his home until his death.

John Lorei, the first born of his parents two sons and one daughter, received but meager educational advantages in comparison with those afforded the youth of the present day, but he made the most of his opportunities with advancing years, and from the school of experience and business has become an apt scholar. Farming has been his life's work, and he purchased fifty acres of his present homestead in 1873. In the years which have since followed he has cleared and placed his land under cultivation, and has also added fifty acres more to the boundaries of his farm, and is engaged in dairying and general farming.

On the 9th of October, 1868, Mr. Lorei was married to Miss Mary Weiher, a daughter of John and Margaret Weiher, who came to this country from Germany, and as early as the year of 1840 established their home in Greene township of Erie county, Pennsylvania. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Lorei has been blessed by the birth of the following children: George (deceased), John, Elizabeth, Jacob, Anna, Joseph, Fred, Rosa, Frances, Katharine, Josephine and Albert. The family are members of the St. Boniface Catholic church. Mr. Lorei is a Democrat.

JOHN MCNULTY has been identified with the agricultural interests of Greene township during many years, a prominent farmer and dairyman, and he now has charge of the old McNulty homestead which has been in the family name during two generations. He was born here in Greene township in 1861, a son of Hugh and Alice (Lavery) McNulty, who came to this country from county Down, Ireland. Hugh McNulty came to the United States about 1840 and became a foreman on the old canal at Erie during its construction, while later he bought the farm on which his son now resides. He was joined by his wife in 1846, and they located on the little farm which he had purchased, cleared and improved the land and spent the remainder of their lives there, Mr. McNulty dying in 1865. They reared twelve children, six sons and six daughters.

John McNulty, one of this large family of children, received his educational training in the Lawrence district school in Greene township, and leaving the school room he entered upon his business career as a farmer, and has been successful in his chosen line of endeavor. During the fall seasons he supplements his farm labors with the operation of a steam threshing machine. He married in 1883 Miss Emma McGraw, of Titusville, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Alice, Winnifred, Marguerite, Emma, Irene, Dorothy, John, James and Rosa. The daughter Alice married Seth Cook, of Erie, and their children are Cassius and Marjorie. Mr. McNulty and his family are members of St. Boniface Catholic church. He is a Demecrat and a member of the Maccabees, at Erie.

CHESTER BEACH RUSSELL. An ex-soldier of the Union army, Chester B. Russell has now resided on his fine farm estate of eighty-six acres at McKean, known as "Breezy Hill," for the past thirty-five years. It is one of the old and picturesque country places of Erie county, the land being originally cleared for farming purposes by John Drown, Mrs. Russell's father, immediately after his marriage in the early thirties, and the residence in which the Russell family now live was also erected by Mr. Drown. Mr. Russell is a native of Lebanon, Madison county, New York, born on the 23rd of May, 1846, and is a son of Beach M. and Sarah (Shapley) Russell, both natives of that part of the state. There the father was engaged not only in the hard work of the pioneer farmer, but was one of the pioneer hop-growers of the section and also busied himself at the bench as a shoemaker. The paternal grandparents were William and Lydia (Rodgers) Russell, who were very early settlers of Madison county, At a still earlier period came the father of Lydia Rodgers, who was engaged in the practice of medicine and was one of the first physicians of the locality. The maternal grandparents, Dunham and Sarah (Belden) Shapley, settled at Lebanon, in its pioneer period, and there cleared a large tract of land, on which they established their farm homestead and passed the years which remained to them.

Chester B. Russell was educated at Lebanon and the Hamilton Union school, and in August, 1862, while yet in his sixteenth year, enlisted in the 147th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, but was taken sick and discharged before seeing active service in that command. Upon his recovery, he re-enlisted the same year in company D, Sixty-first New York Infantry, and served with that regiment until his muster-out at Washington, in July, 1865. After his honorable discharge he returned to his home in Lebanon, and in 1865 also located in Erie county, working for some time as a farm hand by the month. In 1868 he was married and since that year has followed agriculture continuously, with the exception of a short period spent as an employee in a shovel factory at Edinboro. Since 1874 he has resided on the farm which is his present homestead, already mentioned.

March 26, 1868, Mr. Russell wedded Miss Julia Drown, daughter of John and Elvira L. (Grant) Drown, her father having been born in Parsonfield, Maine, and her mother, in McKean township, this county (in 1814). On the maternal side, Mrs. Russell is a fourth cousin of General U. S. Grant. Her paternal grandparents were Solomon and Elizabeth (Hatch) Drown, the former of whom was a native of Maine, who settled first at Rose Valley, Wayne county, New York, and later in McKean township, Erie county, making both trips by team through a country which was then unbroken forest. In this locality Solomon Drown kept a tavern for some years on the site of the present Bowman House. It should be added as interesting facts of family history that John Drown, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Russell, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and spent his last years in McKean township, and that John Drown, her father, settled on the farm which is now the Russell homestead immediately after his marriage. Her maternal grandparents, Benjamin and Abi (Strong) Grant, migrated from Hartford, Connecticut, in March, 1800, and, with their three children—Benjamin, Collins and Theodosia settled at McKean. The mode of conveyance was a two-horse sleigh. The road from

Albany to Buffalo was indicated by marked trees, and the journey from Buffalo to Erie county was made on ice. The first year of his stay in McKean township was spent by Benjamin Grant in the employ of his brother-in-law, Martin Strong, after which he contracted for two hundred acres of land at one dollar per acre—the bargain with "Bill" Jones being clinched with a horse which he passed over to the owner of the real estate. Mr. Grant afterward came into full possession of the property, and a part of the original estate is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler, the latter being a granddaughter of Benjamin Grant. The house in which they now reside is on the site of the first frame residence which Mr. Grant erected in 1821. The original log house, however, was north of this location, across the creek. To meet the conditions of the primitive life in McKean township, Grandfather Grant necessarily became a farmer, although he was by trade a blacksmith. In the earlier years of his residence there it was necessary to take his grain to Elk Creek, in order to be ground, and its mode of conveyance was a rude drag made of a forked branch. When the streams were reached, the load had to be carried across bodily. Both bear and deer were plentiful in those days, and it is due to the perseverance and bravery of such families as the Grants and the Drowns that, with the Indians, they have not still possession of the country. After he had cleared and partially improved what is now the Russell homestead, John Drown purchased the Benjamin Grant place (now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler), and there passed the last period of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Russell have become the parents of the following children: Sarah Bird, who married Frank E. Lamson, of McKean township, and bore him nine children—Roy Oliver, Ivan Donald, Ruth Arabelle, Edna Millicent, Julia Elizabeth, Paul Russell, Elsie Lorene, Richard Bruce and Chester William; John Clyde, who married Clara Drown and is the father of Frank Vernon; Henry Clare, who is married to Miss Grace Grover of Sandusky county, Ohio; Roy Drown, who by his marriage to Miss Caroline Mankel is the father of Henry Mankel Russell; Millicent Elvira, deceased; and Chester Lynn Russell.

Anson J. Yaple is a member of one of the old established families of Erie county, but he was born in the state of Wisconsin on the 23d of March, 1862, a son of the Anson Henry Yaple who is mentioned in the sketch of C. F. Yaple elsewhere in this work. When the son was but two years of age the parents returned to Greene township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, and he received his educational training in the township's public schools and has since followed dairying and farming. He has also during the past twenty-six years been quite extensively engaged in the machinery business, and he is the owner of the estate of fifty-seven acres on which his father-in-law located at an early day in the township's history.

Mr. Yaple married on the 13th of March, 1888, Miss Mary H. Barry, and they have become the parents of the following children: Alice J., Helen M., Gladys Catharine and Henry Harrison who are now living. Thomas Barry, the father of Mrs. Yaple, was born in Ireland and came to America at the age of fifteen years. He was a son of Edward and Julia Barry, and Edward Barry died in Ireland, but

his wife Julia remarried and with her husband and family came to America and located in the state of Indiana. There her husband died, and with her son Thomas she afterward came to Greene township, Erie county, Pennsylvania. This was during an early epoch in the community's history, and Thomas Barry bought the farm which is now the home of his daughter, Mrs. Yaple. He married in 1848 Miss Anstrus Drown, who was born in Greene township on the 22d of October, 1825, a daughter of Cyril and Catherine (Zimmerman) Drown, the father from Concord, New Hempshire, and the mother from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Cyril Drown came to Erie county as early as the year of 1818, and establishing his home in Greene township he cleared and improved one hundred and thirty acres of land and lived there until his death. Mrs. Drown had located in Mill Creek township of Erie county previous to the year of 1818. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barry were born the following children: Edward, Catherine, Rose, Cyril, Julia, Jennie, Hannah, Frederick and Mary. Mr. Yaple and his wife and daughter Alice are members of the Grange organization, and he is a charter member of Samaritan Lodge, No. 1143, I. O. O. F., also of its Encampment at Erie, and he was a delegate to Grand Lodge. He is also a member of Loyal Order of Moose Erie Lodge No. 66. This is a prosperous organization, and has over one thousand members. In politics Mr. Yaple is a Republican, and he was for three years a tax collector and during a similar period a road commissioner.

Mrs. Belle Phelps is the owner and proprietor of Hotel Del Monico in Wattsburg, one of the most popular resorts in this part of the county. The house enjoys a large and well selected patronage of the traveling public as well as that of the best families in Wattsburg, for Mrs. Phelps thoroughly understands the secrets of the kitchen, and personally superintends the cuisine as well as all the other departments of her well appointed hotel.

She is a native daughter of Ann Arbor, Michigan, where the earlier years of her life were spent. But at the age of seventeen she was married and moved to Wattsburg, where she has since resided, and where she has by her peculiar and winning personality endeared herself to all who come within the favored circle of her acquaintance. Of the three sons which blessed her marriage union two are living—George N. and Ralph C.

Captain Dan Mitchell. Noteworthy among those sturdy and trusted men who are so ably and acceptably filling public offices in Corry is Captain Dan Mitchell, at present rendering appreciated service as constable. Coming from substantial New England stock, he was born, March 23, 1838, in Jamestown, New York, a son of Harlow Mitchell. His grandfather, Samuel Mitchell, was a native of Vermont, while his great grandfather, John Mitchell, was, it is supposed, born in the north of Ireland, of English and Scotch ancestry. Emigrating to Vermont, he bought land in Milton Falls, and in addition to farming owned and operated a grist mill. He lived to the unusual age of one hundred and ten years. Samuel Mitchell was born in Vermont, and on the death of his father inherited the parental estate. He continued farming and milling in Milton, there spending his entire life of ninety-six years.

Born on the ancestral homestead, in Milton, Vermont, Harlow Mitchell assisted his father in the grist mill during his youthful days. After his marriage, he removed to Jamestown, New York, and was there successfully engaged in the lumber business until 1851. Then, on account of ill health he located in Erie county, Pennsylvania. Buying timber land for three dollars an acre, he had it surveyed by the county surveyor, laid out roads across the tract, and at the crossing of these roads erected a house for the family dwelling. This locality is still known as Mitchells Corners. He there continued his operations as a farmer and lumberman until his death, in 1870, at the age of sixty-four years. He married Louisa Hathaway Bidwell, a daughter of Benjamin Bidwell. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and died in Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the home farm, in 1882, aged seventy-two years. She reared five children, as follows: Eunice A., James W., Dan, Henry and Charles W.

As soon as large enough to be of any use, Dan Mitchell began working on the home farm, in the meantime attending the district school. Leaving home at the age of sixteen years, he found congenial employment in setting up engines, assisting a master workman in different parts of Pennsylvania, an occupation in which he was engaged until after the breaking out of the Civil war. On August 20, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served two years. On May 27, 1862, at the Battle of Hanover Court House, he was severely injured, but did not go to the hospital, a tent mate caring for him. On June 30, 1862, he was captured by the enemy, confined for a month in Libby Prison, and when paroled went to the Fortress Monroe Hospital, where he remained three months, when he was taken to the hosptal for convalescents, at Alexandria, where he staid a month. He then rejoined his regiment, but his health was in a precarious condition, and the last of March, 1863, he was honorably discharged from the service. Returning home, it was two years before Captain Mitchell was able to do any manual labor, and even then his strength would not allow him to engage in farming pursuits. He was subsequently employed in various kinds of light work until 1871, when he was appointed as policeman in Erie, a position that he filled four years. In April, 1875, he was appointed county detective, being the first to fill that office in Erie county, and served continuously until 1880. Returning then to the police force, he was soon afterwards made captain of the Erie police, and held the position until 1885. Resigning in that year, Captain Mitchell formed the Mitchell-Brant Tempered Copper Company, and the following six years operated a foundry in Erie. Removing to Corry in 1894, the Captain organized the Mitchell Tempered Copper Company, which he managed for twelve years. Being elected constable in 1906, he has since served in this capacity with ability and fidelity.

Captain Mitchell married, March 16, 1875, Jennie A. Hamilton, daughter of Alexander and Rachel Hamilton, of Meadville, and of their union three children have been born, namely: Jessie; and Mae and Dean, twins. Fraternally the captain belongs to the Stacy Vincent Post, No. 67, G. A. R., and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

JAMES H. MACKRES. A man of superior mechanical ability and skill, possessing a clear head and active brain, James H. Mackres, of Corry has long been identified with the railway service of this part of the state, and is one of the trusted employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for the past nine years having been engineer on one of the passenger trains running between Buffalo and Oil City. He was born, July 22, 1857, in Clymer, Chautauqua county, New York, a son of Dr. Henry O. Mackres, for many years a leading physician in Corry. He comes from substantial Scotch stock, being a lineal descendant in the sixth generation of Joshua Mackres, the line being thus traced: Joshua, (1) Samuel, (2) Samuel, (3) Joshua, (4) Henry O., (5) and James H., (6).

Emigrating from Scotland to America when a young man, Joshua (1) Mackres located in Greenland, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, where he spent his remaining years. He married Sarah Weeks, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and their descendants are numerous, being found in nearly all parts of the Union, some of them spelling their name Marckres. Samuel (2) Mackres was born in Greenland, New Hampshire, but spent a large part of his life in Greenfield, Hillsboro county, New Hampshire. Samuel (3) Mackres was born, July 22, 1743, in Greenfield, New Hampshire. Patriotic and independent in spirit, he resented taxation, and on the memorable night of December 16, 1773, was one of the band that, disguised as Mohawk Indians, formed the "Boston Tea Party," and hurled the tea-chests into the sea. After his marriage with Rebecca Higgins, it is thought, he removed to Vermont, settling there permanently.

Joshua (4) Mackres was born in Vermont, and was there reared and educated. In 1839, accompanied by his family, he migrated to Chautauqua county, New York, crossing the intervening country with teams until he came to the canal, when he continued his journey by boat. Locating in Busti, he hewed a farm from the forest, and after living there many years removed to Kiantone, where he remained until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Esther Woodcock.

Henry O. (5) Mackres was born, December 16, 1824, in Calais, Vermont. Going with the family to Busti, New York, when young, he assisted his father in the pioneer labor of clearing a homestead, in the meantime continuing his studies as he had opportunity. Having fitted himself for a professional career, he taught school a number of terms in Chautauqua county, and during the time read medicine with Drs. Hill and Ellsworth. He afterwards attended medical lectures in Cleveland and Chicago, after which he was graduated, with the degree of M. D., from the Buffalo, New York, Medical College. Beginning the practice of medicine in Clymer, New York, he remained there until 1867, meeting with unquestioned success. In that year, Dr. Mackres located in Corry, Pennsylvania, and here continued his professional labors for many years, being one of the best known and most distinguished physicians of the city. At the end of fifty-three years of active practice, he retired, thereafter living a life of leisure until his death, December 9, 1907. Prominent in professional circles, he was a member of the Erie County, the Pennsylvania State, and the American Medical societies, for some time serving as president of the first named society. Fraternally he belonged to the Ancient

Free and Accepted Masons, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Politically he was a Democrat, and, while living in Clymer, New York, was active, in 1852, in helping to elect Franklin Pierce to the presidency, and four years later, in 1856, worked equally as hard for the election of James Buchanan. Dr. Mackres married, September 15, 1851, Artemisia Johnson, who was born in Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania, April 4, 1828, a daughter of Jabez Johnson. Her grandfather, Harris Johnson, a farmer, was, as far as known, a life-long resident of Otsego county, New York. Jabez Johnson was born, brought up, and married, in Otsego county. Subsequently, accompanied by his wife and two children, he came, with ox-teams, to Warren county, Pennsylvania, locating in what is now Columbus township, being one of the first white settlers in that section. He lived for a number of years in a log cabin, and there his daughter Ruhama was born, being the first white child born in the township. After working at various occupations, he turned his attention to the making of boots and shoes, all of which were at that time custom made. He died while yet in manhood's prime, at the age of forty years. He married Margaret Richards, who was born in Otsego county, New York, and died at the home of one of her sons, in Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, aged seventy-eight years. Dr. Mackres's wife survived him, being now eighty-one years of age. She has three children, namely: Stella A., wife of Fay F. Root, of Kinsman, Ohio; Mary E., who married William E. Lewis, and is now living in Corry; and James H.

James H. Mackres was but twelve years old when he came with his parents to Corry, where he completed his early education. On attaining his majority, he began his career as a railroad worker, at first serving for three years as fireman on the Cross Cut Railroad. He was then promoted to the position of engineer, and in that capacity proved himself so capable and trustworthy that nine years ago he was given charge, as engineer, of a passenger train on that part of the Pennsylvania road known as the Buffalo and Allegheny Division, his run being between Buffalo and Oil City.

On August 19, 1888, Mr. Mackres married Ada Payne. She was born, January 9, 1862, in county Surrey, England, the birthplace of her father, Albert Payne being county of Sussex. Her grandparents, William and Sarah (Burgess) Payne, were life-long residents of county Sussex, their home being near Petworth. Having served an apprenticeship at the wheelwright's trade in Ockley, near Dorking, county Surrey, Albert Payne remained in that place until 1867, when he emigrated with his family to Pennsylvania, locating at Freehold, Warren county. He there bought a tract of timbered land, assumed possession of the log cabin which had been previously erected, and at once began to clear and improve a farm. Meeting with excellent success, he put the greater part of the land under cultivation, and in the course of time built a barn, and subsequently erected a substantial frame house, continuing his residence there until his death, in 1875. He married, Sarah B. Tyler, who was born in Ockley, county Surrey, England, September 2, 1838, a daughter of Nicholas and Charlotte (Inwood) Tyler, life-long residents of county Surrey. Three children blessed their union, namely: Albert, of

Corry; Mrs. Mackres and Alice, who died in 1880, aged eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Mackres have three children, namely: Stella Alice, Ava Artemisia and Ethel Mae. Fraternally Mr. Mackres is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Col. Thomas Augustus Edwards. Filled with the venturesome and restless spirit so characteristic of the American race, Col. Thomas A. Edwards had a varied experience during his active career, meeting with adventures on land and sea, a record of his life reading more like a modern romance than a sober biography. He was born, July 21, 1832, in Saugerties, Ulster county, New York, and died December 9, 1904, in Corry, Pennsylvania. His father William Edwards, was a farmer, and as far as known spent his entire life in New York state, passing away in Palenville, Greene county. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Amelia Lewis, was born at Catskill, New York, a daughter of Peter Lewis. She died in Saugerties, leaving two children, Thomas A., of this sketch, and Alfred.

A bright, keen-witted boy of ten years when his mother died, Thomas Augustus Edwards was subsequently bound out to a farmer, Harvey North, with whom he remained until seventeen years old. Tiring then of the restraint and confinement, he took his departure without even a farewell to the family, and went to sea, first as cabin boy on an ocean liner, and afterwards on a whaling voyage. The latter trip proved sufficient for him, however, and he returned to Saugerties, where for a short time he was employed in a grocery. Fond of adventure, he next joined a circus, and thus started his career as a showman, becoming business manager for the Spaulding & Rogers Circus Company, subsequently serving in the same capacity with John Robinson. In 1857 Mr. Edwards joined the expedition commanded by Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston, who was sent to Utah during the difficulty with the Mormons, and served as quartermaster of the regiment. In 1858, when the gold excitement was at its highest, Mr. Edwards was at Pike's Peak. Returning East, he entered the employ of the Memphis Transportation Company, with which he was associated until the breaking out of the Civil war. Entering then the secret service of the United States, he crossed the lines in many places, securing valuable information for the Union forces. On one occasion, he was captured, near Wilmington, by the Confederates, and might have been shot had he not been fortunate enough to escape. Making his way back to the Union lines, he continued in the secret service until late in 1864, when he went to Arkansas as a scout for General Fred. Steele.

Going to Oregon in 1866, Col. Edwards entered the United States Secret Service, under command of General Cooke, and during the Snake Indian war was the bearer of secret despatches. Going with a band of Indians to Europe in 1874, he exhibited them in many of the larger cities, and in 1876, on his return to this country, exhibited them in Philadelphia, at the centennial exposition. In the fall of that year, the Colonel organized the Oregon Medicine Company, with headquarters in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and for several years travelled with the circus of Robinson, the veteran showman. Removing to Corry in 1885, he engaged in the manufacture of Indian remedies of various kinds, and started on the road several troops

giving entertainments and selling medicines. Establishing a successful business in this line, he continued it until his death, when he was succeeded by his daughter, Mrs. Van Vleck, who had a thorough knowledge of its details.

Colonel Edwards married, April 14, 1842, Elizabeth Kelley. She was born in Cranesville, Erie county, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1848, a daughter of William Letts Kelley, and grand-daughter of William Kelley. Her grandfather removed from Vermont to Niagara county, New York, settling there as a pioneer farmer, but spending his last years at the home of a son, in Albion, Erie county, Pennsylvania. His second wife, mother of William L. Kelley, was Fanny Russell, who was of Holland Dutch descent. William L. Kelley was born in Lockport, New York, and was there reared to agricultural pursuits. After coming to Erie county, he followed farming for awhile, after which he kept hotel in Cranesville for a number of years. He died in Erie, aged fifty-eight years. His wife, who before marriage was Deborah Ducland, was born in Canada, of French parentage. Her father, a native of France, spent his early life in the city of Paris, and after coming to this country lived first in Canada, but later came to the States. Of the union of Colonel and Mrs. Edwards, one daughter was born, Daisy Clarion, wife of Lawrence Van Vleck. Mr. Van Vleck was born in Perrysburg, Ohio, of Holland ancestry on both sides of the house. His father, William Van Vleck, a native of New York state, married Emma Hugabone, who was born in Wisconsin. Mr. Van Vleck, a man of good business ability and enterprise, is now employed as travelling salesman, while Mrs. Van Vleck, as before stated, has charge of the business established by her father.

George A. Hampson, of North East, has long been an influential representative of the progressive interests of the place, business, financial and public, and is also an honored member of a pioneer and prominent family whose useful works are identified with both the founding and the development of Erie county. The paternal grandfather, Robert Hampson, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and assisted in building and fitting out the boats which formed Commodore Perry's famous fleet and served under that gallant commander. In his local relations, he was well known as a substantial farmer citizen, and one of the founders of the First Presbyterian church at North East. He came from Huntington, Pennsylvania, and located in the township of North East during the spring of 1800, purchasing two hundred acres from the Population Land Company, which tract he improved as his farm and homestead until his death in 1851. This land remained in the Hampson family for eighty-eight years, from 1800 to 1888. Samuel, a brother of Robert, was the first resident of North East, locating there in 1795 and making it his home until he moved to Salem, Ohio, in 1815. That place was then the frontier of western civilization and remained the home of Samuel Hampson until his death. The father of these pioneers, John Hampson, was a British soldier in the Revolutionary war. Robert Hampson married Miss Sarah Fee, and her father, Colonel John Fee, commanded a patriot regiment in the same conflict.

James Hampson, a son of the couple named and father of George A., was born in North East township August 30, 1805, and in his early

life served as captain of a boat on the Erie canal, later being a contractor at Toronto, Canada, in association with his brother John. He remained a resident of that city for many years, attaining standing as one of its leading business men. Most of his life, however, was spent in North East. James Hampson was first married, in 1832, to Miss Charlotte Brecht, of Fairview, Pennsylvania, who died in 1842, mother of four children, of whom Elias V. Hampson of Montana is the sole survivor. In 1846 he married Miss Matilda Porter, of North East township, who was a native of Belfast, Ireland, born in May, 1818. When she was two years of age her parents brought her to the farm which had been purchased as a family homestead, two miles east of the borough of North East. There the father, Robert Porter, spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1846 at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife, Sallie Duncan, died in March, 1865. The original Porter farm remained in the family until sold by the grandson, George A. Hampson, in 1908. Of the five children born to James and Matilda (Porter) Hampson three are now living:—Annie, wife of G. W. Blaine of North East; George A., of this sketch; and Alice, widow of John S. Towne, and a resident of Erie; Hattie J. died in July 1876 aged twenty-one years. James Hampson died in May, 1898, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was like his father a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and like him was distinguished for his probity and uprightness of character.

George A. Hampson was born in Harbor Creek township, Erie county, in May, 1853, and received his education at the Lake Shore Seminary. At the age of twenty-two he left home and, after traveling through the western states for a year, located at North East as cashier of the People's Saving Institution, remaining in that position for over five years. During the succeeding four years he was manager of the office of Sampson Short, and after severing this connection engaged in the fire insurance business. Later, Mr. Hampson purchased the North East Vinegar Works, which he both owned and superintended for twelve years, during that period developing a weak and struggling concern into one of the leading manufactories of the kind in Pennsylvania. He then sold the business to a company which now conducts the largest cider vinegar works in the state. Mr. Hampson next became the owner of the Haywood Custom Mills, which he operated for a year and sold to Blaine and McKay, since that time having been engaged in the real estate and fire insurance business at North East. In 1896 he was appointed receiver of the People's Saving Institution, and after several years of faithful and skilful service closed its affairs to the mutual satisfaction of stockholders and depositors. His record as a public official is also highly commendatory, and covers a period of seven years as secretary of the school board and five years as justice of the peace. An active member of the Royal Arcanum and an attendant of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Hampson is fully supported by substantial works and a kindly spirit in the character which he enjoys of one of the most useful, able citizens of the county.

In November, 1880, Mr. Hampson married Miss Anna McCord, daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Leet) McCord, and they became the parents of Helen, Harriet and Alice, the last named being the wife of B. Forrest Ginder, of Philadelphia. The wife and mother

died in July, 1885, and in June, 1901, Mr. Hampson married Miss Lida Thompson, of Ripley, Chautauqua county, New York, a daughter of Hugh and Eliza Thompson.

B. Cortland Spooner. One of the most prominent of Erie county's business men is B. Cortland Spooner, one of the organizers and the cashier of the First National Bank of North East. This institution was organized in April of 1893, and its doors were opened for business on the 1st of August, following, and from that time to the present it has been under the efficient cashiership of Mr. Spooner, who is also one of its directors. The officers of this bank are men of the highest standing in business and social circles in Erie county and are as follows: G. W. Blaine, president; Robert Dill, vice president; N. P. Fuller, assistant cashier; and Joseph A. Spooner, teller, while its board of directors are G. W. Blaine, Robert Dill, C. H. Mottier, J. F. Downing, W. A. Walker, E. E. Chambers and B. C. Spooner. Its capital stock is fifty thousand dollars, with a surplus of thirty-five thousand dollars, and undivided profits amounting to fourteen thousand dollars.

Its cashier, B. Cortland Spooner, was born in North East township, September 10, 1850, a son of Benjamin T. and Marana K. (Nichols) Spooner, who were natives of the north of England. The father was born August 28, 1802, in Gill, Massachusetts, and the mother born June 18, 1812. It was in Chatauqua county, New York, that they met and married, and for a time they lived in Penama, where the husband followed his trade of shoemaking. In 1849 they came to North East township and purchased a farm four and a half miles southwest of the village of that name, where they continued the work of cultivating their land until moving into North East in 1872. Mr. Spooner became a member of the First Presbyterian church of North East, April 5, 1851, and was ordained as a ruling elder March 2, 1856. His former pastor, Rev. Thos. B. Hudson, D. D., pays the following hearty tribute to his memory: "Mr. Spooner was a sincere and consistent Christian and a faithful servant of Christ and of the church. The better I knew him, the more I became attached to him. He was a man who could be depended upon. As an officer of the church he was true to his trust. He felt his responsibilities and honored the Eldership. He was a good man, a kind husband, and devoted father. His domestic relations were happy. He was a good citizen, and his name deserves to be ranked with the best men who have been enrolled in the membership of this church." Mr. Spooner died in North East, June 11, 1881, and his wife December 25, 1887. Of their four children Joseph N. died March 9, 1860; Caroline M., became the wife of Martin L. Selkregg, and died August 18, 1904, and Mary died October 9, 1857.

B. Cortland Spooner, the only surviving member of this family, spent the days of his boyhood on the home farm and in attending the district schools, while later he spent a portion of three years in the Oberlin College of Ohio. From 1870 for two years he was engaged in the insurance business in Erie, and on the 5th of November, 1874, came to North East and accepted a position in the private bank of Blaine, Gould and Short, which was later converted into the People's Saving Institution, and he served as the cashier of that

house until his resignation in May of 1892. It was at the close of that period that he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of North East.

He married December 14, 1875, Alice Southard, from Harbor Creek township, and a daughter of Allen and Jane (Hughes) Southard, the father from Brooklyn, New York, and the mother from Wales. The only child of this union is a son, Joseph A., born June 13, 1879, and now the teller in the First National Bank. Mr. Spooner supports the principles of the Republican party, and he has served for three years as a school director and for six years as the borough auditor. He, and wife and son are members of the Presbyterian church.

FRANCIS A. LOVELAND. Holding a position of importance among the leading business men of Corry is Francis A Loveland, who, as vice-president and superintendent of the J. W. and A. P. Howard and Company, Ltd., is intimately associated with one of the prominent industries of the city. A son of William Loveland, he was born, November 10, 1859, in Wellsville, Allegany county, New York, of excellent English ancestry, the family name being recorded in the College of Arms and entitled to a crest.

William Loveland was born at Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, England. Scholarly in his tastes and ambitions, he was given excellent opportunities to cultivate his talents, and was graduated from the University of Oxford Law School. Soon after receiving his diploma, he emigrated to America, being the only member of his family to cross the Atlantic. Locating in Allegany county, New York, he lived for a while in Angelica, practicing law, afterward taking up his residence in Wellsville, where he became connected with the tanning firm of Bush and Howard. He was somewhat active in public affairs, and while a resident of Angelica served as county clerk, also filling various municipal offices. In 1866 he came to the new and rapidly growing city of Corry, Pennsylvania, with J. W. and A. P. Howard in the operation of the tannery, acting as superintendent and confidential office man, and continued with the firm until his death, November 4, 1905. He married Polly Witter, who was born in Maine, a daughter of Clark and Polly Ann (Greene) Witter, natives of New England. She died in 1896, several years before the death of her husband. Ten children were born of their union, namely: James, Walter, Melissa, Amanda, Francis A., William, Lillian, Mary J., Ellen, and Anna.

A lad of six years when he came with his parents to Corry, Francis A. Loveland was here brought up and educated. Beginning when quite young to work in the tannery with which he is now connected in an official capacity, he became familiar with its operation, mastering the intricacies of the different branches of the business, thus fitting himself for the position that he now holds as vice-president and superintendent of the company. This firm was incorporated as the J. W. and A. P. Howard and Company, Limited, in December, 1898, and is one of the foremost organizations of the kind in Erie county, its business being well established, extensive and remunerative.

Mr. Loveland married, November 10, 1882, Clara D. Schultz. She was born in Bowmansville, Erie county, New York, a daughter of Frederick and Louisa (Eaden) Schultz, both natives of Germany. After his marriage, Frederick Schultz came with his wife to America, being the only member of his family to leave the fatherland. Locating at Bowmansville, New York, he opened a meat market, having while in the old country learned the trade of a butcher. Subsequently moving to Titusville, Pennsylvania, he was there similarly employed until his death, both he and his wife spending their last years in that place. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Louis, Fred, Mary, Louisa, Caroline, Clara D. and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Loveland are the parents of four children, namely: Frank M., Clarence C., Howard W., and Eva I. Politically Mr. Loveland supports the priciples of the Republican party, and though not an office seeker is now serving as a member of the Board of Education, occupying the chair of the president of that body. Religiously both he and his wife are trustworthy and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Loveland having filled various offices in the church, such as president of the Sub-District Epworth League, delegate to the Annual Conference, etc., and is now a trustee of the local church and the secretary of its Sunday school.

Buel G. Thornton, of Wesleyville, Harbor Creek township, Erie county, who has been engaged in Evangelical labors for the past twenty years, is a native of Monroe, Ashtabula county, Ohio, where he was born on the 17th of December, 1844. He is a son of Isaac M. and Rachel Ann (Goodsell) Thornton, both of his parents being natives of Massachusetts. Mr. Thornton's wife is a New Orleans woman, whom he met in that city while serving as a Union soldier of the Civil war. Altogether he resided seven years in the south (three years in the military service), and since locating in Erie county has been engaged in religious work, in connection with agricultural pursuits. After having raised an honorable family of twelve, ten of whom are living, he is now living with his good wife in contentment, both universally honored for their useful and Christian lives. The couple reside on a small farm, chiefly devoted to the cultivation of berries. Besides their ten children, most of whom are married, with families of their own—they enjoy the solace and love of fifteen grandchildren. Mr. Thornton's parents were ardent and life-long members of the United Brethren church, and it was largely through their influence that he adopted his career as an Evangelist.

Mr. Thornton's experience as a faithful, hardy and brave soldier of the Union is interesting and instructive. He enlisted from Ashtabula county, Ohio, August, 1862, and was first under fire at Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas. He also participated in the engagements at Coldwater, Milliken's Bend and in front of Vicksburg, all in Mississippi. One night which he spent while in front of the besieged city is impressed upon his memory with particular distinctness. The boys in blue had been on the boat for two nights and had obtained no sleep whatever, and were so completely exhausted when they finally struck camp in a corn field near Vicksburg that they sank upon the ground without thought of anything but rest. It rained all night, but the hill of corn which Mr. Thornton had selected for his pillow was so downy that

he was unconscious of the storm, until he awoke with only his raised head out of the water and his skin parboiled like a chicken's. At Port Gibson Mr. Thornton had his horse shot from under him, a bullet passed through his hat, and his duties with the Second Ohio Independent Battery (P) brought him so thoroughly into the din of the battle that he was deaf for three days thereafter. At the bloody battle at Champion Hills the company of which he was a member was assigned to bury the dead of the division, and a gruesome task it was. The next battle—that of Black River—resulted in the complete investment of Vicksburg. At the battle of Jackson, on the 15th of June, 1863, Mr. Thornton was laid low by an attack of typhoid fever and taken back to Vicksburg, but at the fall of the Confederate stronghold on the 3rd of July was sufficiently recovered to accompany his command to New Orleans, where it was incorporated into the army of General Banks and formed a portion of the forces in the famous Red river expedition. The journey was one continuous series of skirmishes and engagements and the Union troops were in such sore straits for rations, during the later portion of the expedition, that the last five hundred miles of their retrograde movement were completed by each soldier on the strength of a cracker a day—that is, this was Mr. Thornton's daily ration. At the time of his honorable discharge from the service his regiment was guarding sixty thousand Confederate prisoners on Ship Island. Just before his discharge he had smallpox on Ship Island and suffered also with scurvy. He is a true blue Republican and he and his estimable wife are firm advocates of temperance.

Colonel Hiram N. Ransom. Among the more prominent and influential citizens of Corry, is Col. Hiram N. Ransom, who was formerly actively identified with the military affairs of Erie county, and for many years past has served his fellow-citizens most ably and acceptably in an official capacity. A native of New York, he was born, September 19, 1840, in Nashville, Cattaraugus county, a son of Rev. Orrin Ransom.

The son of one of the early pioneers of Oneida county, New York, Orrin Ransom was born in what is now the city of Utica, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits. Uniting with the Methodist church when young, he subsequently became a preacher in that denomination. Locating in Cattaraugus county at a time when all of the western part of New York was a wilderness, he bought a tract of land on the line of the old stage road, about one mile east of Nashville, and there began the improvement of a homestead. A man of versatile talents, he followed both farming and blacksmithing, in the latter occupation having at times to work nights in making the shoes and nails that he used. He likewise remained faithful to his ministerial duties, preaching to both the Indians and the whites, his circuit extending forty miles, requiring much horse back riding. On the farm that he improved, he resided until his death, in 1853. His wife, whose maiden name was Chase, died in 1851, leaving two children, Seth and Hiram N. Seth served in the Civil war, after which he settled in Minnesota.

About thirteen years old when his father died, Hiram N. Ransom made his home for awhile with an uncle. The uncle proving a

hard taskmaster, he took French leave of him one night. With empty pockets, but an unlimited amount of energy and American grit, he walked several miles, and then boarded a passenger train westward bound. When about a mile from Conneaut, Ohio, the conductor discovered him, and as he had no money put him off the train. Wending his way to the village he walked into a store, applied for the position of a clerk, and was immediately hired by the merchant, who liked his appearance. Having had but little opportunity for attending school in his youthful days, his uncle having kept him busy on the farm or at the forge, he was sadly handicapped by his lack of an education, and so made such arrangements with his employer as to enable him to attend school, working in the meantime out of school hours for his board and clothes. Mr. Ransom acquired a practical education, and in the course of time worked himself upward until he became an efficient and trusted clerk, remaining with his employer until 1861. Wishing then to establish himself in business on his own account, he came, in 1861, to Erie county, locating at Boston Corners, now Corry, purchased a frame building on the hill, moved it to West Main street, and in it opened a clothing house, calling it the "Boston Store." At that time the greater part of Corry was then covered with timber or stumps, but during the next few years its growth was almost marvellous, and in 1866, it was incorporated as a city. Selling his store in 1865, Mr. Ransom entered the employ of a New York woolen house as commercial salesman, and was in the employ of that company, and its successor, for upwards of thirty years, traveling through western New York, Western Pennsylvania, and Ohio, his home being still in Corry. On June 16, 1871, Mr. Ransom joined the Pennsylvania National Guard, and on June 10, 1876, was made Regimental Commissary, with rank of Captain, as such going with the Seventeenth Regiment, P. N. G., to the Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia. The following year, in 1877, he was appointed acting Brigade Commissary of the Seventh Brigade, and with his comrades assisted in quelling the Railroad Riots of that year. On March 5, 1880, he received from Gov. Hoyt, his commission as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Seventeenth Regiment, P. N. G., and served in that capacity until his regiment was consolidated with the Sixteenth, becoming the Sixteenth Regiment, P. N. G.

Colonel Ransom married first, in 1862, Carrie Jefferson, who was born in Conneaut, Ohio, and died in 1865, in Corry. The Colonel married second, in 1866, Clara Alexander, a daughter of James Alexander. She was born in Sandusky, Ohio, but was brought up and educated in Erie county, Pennsylvania. James Alexander, a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, learned the carpenter's trade in early life, and as a young man followed his trade in Erie county. He subsequently lived for a few years in Sandusky, Ohio, but in 1848 returned to Erie county, settling with his family in Wayne township. Buying a tract of land lying about six miles from the present site of Corry, he worked at farming and carpentering until his death, in March, 1849. The maiden name of the wife of Mr. Alexander was Carrie Yeager. She was born in Otsego county, New York, a daughter of Daniel and Polly (Cole) Yeager, both of whom lived to a ripe old age. A native of Chenango county, New York, Daniel Yeager migrated from there to Pennsylvania, journeying hither by

teams, oftentimes making his way by means of blazed trees. Buying a tract of land in Wayne township, Erie county, he and his family lived for some time in a log cabin. Meeting with good results in his agricultural undertakings, he subsequently erected a frame house on the turnpike leading from Waterford to Columbus, the latter, then a small hamlet, being the nearest market. There he and his faithful helpmate spent their remaining days. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander reared six children, as follows: Mary J.; Robert; Daniel; Nancy; Clara, wife of Col. Ransom; and Alice. Five children have been born to Col. and Mrs. Ransom, namely: Aura C., wife of Charles Fonda; Frank H., of Pittsburg; Murry died at the age of twenty-two months; Harry F., deceased; and James A. Harry F. served as a corporal in Company A, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, went with the regiment to Porto Rico, and there died September 30, 1898. He was highly esteemed and beloved by his comrades, and the Spanish War Veterans of Corry have honored his memory by naming their camp for him.

Casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, Col. Ransom has since been an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and has filled various offices of importance to the public. For six years he was assessor of the second ward, Corry; was a member of the first City Council; was the first treasurer of the borough of Corry; was a member of the first election board, being appointed to the position by Judge Johnson, of the circuit comprising Warren and Erie counties; and, with the exception of one year, has been tax collector of Corry since 1898. Mrs. Ransom is a member of the Presbyterian church.

William Henry Green. During many years William H. Green has been a resident of Erie county, identified with the agricultural interests of Elk Creek township, and he is now spending the evening of a long and useful career in quiet retirement at his homestead. He was born in this state September 13, 1834, and is a grandson on the paternal side of Job Green, who was born in the mother country of England May 19, 1756, and coming to the United States located in the state of New York, where he died on the 26th of February, 1803. His wife Johanna, born May 5, 1756, died on the 28th of November, 1844. Among their children was William Green, who became the father of William Henry. He was born in New York January 13, 1790, and died on the 9th of January, 1883. He was a carpenter by trade, but coming to Erie county in 1835 he secured a farm here of seventy acres. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812. On the 5th of January, 1813, William Green was married to Lydia Ford, who was born in Columbia county, New York, January 12, 1794, a daughter of Benjamin Ford, a carpenter, who died on October 20, 1824, while his wife died April 6, 1826. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Green were: Amanda, deceased, born August 25, 1814; Lydia, deceased, born January 8, 1819; Andrew J., deceased, born January 11, 1822; Barbara N., the widow of George Bowman, and living in Beaver township; and Mary E., the widow of William Alderman, who was a farmer in Crawford county.

William H. Green, the youngest member of this family, left the school room at the age of twenty-one, and thereafter farmed the old homestead and took care of his parents until their death. He married on the 27th of January, 1859, Lydia Wells, who was born March 18, 1838, a daughter of Samuel and Lucevia (West) Wells, and it was in honor of this family that the town of Wellsburg was named. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wells are: Oren, who is living at the age of eighty-two years; Adeline, deceased; Permelia (Mrs. Hoag), who is mentioned elsewhere in this work in the sketch of Fred Hoag; Hudson, a farmer in Michigan; Henry, deceased; William, deceased; George R.; Sylvia; and Cyrus, whose home is in Ohio. Six children have blessed the marriage union of William and Lydia Green. Samuel W. Green, the firstborn is an agriculturist. He married Frances Gabler, and their children are: Grace, the wife of J. Salsbury; Walter, who is an agent in the state of New York; Lena and Nora, who also reside in that state. Elmer Green married May Thrasher, and they reside in Tacoma, Washington. Their only child is Edith, who married John Coughlin, and they are also the parents of one child. Jennie Green became the wife of E. C. Hussey, also of Tacoma, Washington, and they have a daughter Frances. Sylvia Green married R. Fritzges, a farmer in Elk Creek township, and their three children are Rinehard, Harold and Sylvia. Charles Green, a carpenter at Corry, this state, married Celia Edwards, and their two children are Edna and Harold. Fred Green, the youngest of the six children, is at home with his parents. Mr. Green, the father, is a charter member of Elk Creek Chapel of the United Brethren church. He was also one of the builders of this chapel in 1896, which he is now serving in the capacity of trustee and steward, and he is the only one living of its charter members. In politics he votes with the Republican party. Mr. Green was married three times, his last wife being Miss Lovina Gunderland, a native of New York. Like her husband she is a member of the United Brethren church.

Franklin Pierce Jones. Holding a position of note among the esteemed and valued citizens of Erie county is Franklin P. Jones, for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Springfield township, but now living retired in West Springfield, where he is serving as justice of the peace. A son of Zenas Hutchinson Jones, he was born, February 29, 1852, in Wellsville, Allegany county, New York. He comes of substantial New England stock, his grandfather, General Benjamin J. L. Jones, having been born and brought up in Connecticut. His great grandfather, Benjamin Jones, born in 1726, died May 14, 1814, while his wife, whose birth occurred in 1737, survived him but a few days, dying May 25, 1814.

General Benjamin J. L. Jones was born in Coventry, Tolland county, Connecticut, January 21, 1757, and died in Willing, Allegany county, New York, October 20, 1840. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. At Coventry, Chenango county, New York, on January 17, 1802, he married Sally Miles, who was born in New Haven, Connecticut, February 3, 1783. She subsequently married for her second husband Caleb Farnum, of Wellsville, New York, whom she survived several years, passing away May 12, 1874, in Wellsville. Nine children were born of the union of Benjamin J. L. and Sally

(Miles) Jones, as follows: Sally Lydia, born May 27, 1803, married, February 1, 1824, M. Ozias Yale, and died November 15, 1830; Benjamin J. L., Jr., born October 1, 1805, married, April 30, 1827, Sylvia Benedict, and died June 22, 1858; Roxey Mahitabel, born May 6, 1807, married, April 12, 1832, M. Ozias Yale, and died February 26, 1875; Zenas Hutchinson, father of Franklin P.; Luman Parker, born September 24, 1811, married, January 13, 1833, Elvira Manderville, and died June 26, 1885; William B., born April 10, 1813, died October 8, 1813; Lomanda Miles, born July 18, 1814, married, November 6, 1831, James C. Fosbury, and died February 8, 1855; Louisa, born September 29, 1820, married, November 22, 1842, Seth Ames Spicer, and died June 11, 1858; and Clarissa Melissa, born September 29, 1823, married, September 29, 1839, William Gifford.

Zenas Hutchinson Jones was born in Coventry, Chenango county, New York, May 12, 1810, and was there reared and educated. In 1830 he moved with the family to the town of Willing, Allegany county, where he resided about ten years, in the meantime being admitted to the New York bar. Locating in Wellsville, in 1840, he was there engaged in the practice of law until his death, September 14, 1884, being one of the most prominent attorneys connected with the Federal courts.

On March 7, 1833, Zenas H. Jones married Eliza Maria Woodcock, who was born in Swanzey, Cheshire county, New Hampshire, June 13, 1814, and died at Wellsville, New York, March 17, 1887. She was a descendant in the sixth generation of John Woodcock, the emigrant ancestor, who came from Weymouth, England, to this country at the age of twenty years, arriving in Boston, Massachusetts, March 20, 1635, the line of descent being thus: John, Jonathan, Benjamin, Nathan, David and Eliza Maria.

Going to Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1638, John Woodcock helped build the first house erected there, and assisted, before returning to Boston, in establishing a colony at that point. In 1642 he settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, and there married, in 1649, Sarah ————. Selling his house in Roxbury in 1651, he moved with his family to Attleboro, where both he and his wife spent their remaining years, her death occurring November 29, 1676, and his October 20, 1700. He was a man of importance in that part of the state, and was one of the grantees in the North Purchase, on the Ten Mile river, owning quite a tract of land. He was captain of the troops raised in that locality to fight the Indians, in 1676; was for many years a selectman; and from 1691 until 1696 was a representative to the General Court. Among the probate deed records of Taunton, the county seat, may be found many references to John Woodcock and his family, among others being the original agreement among his heirs for the division of his property, bearing the date March 6, 1703. His children were as follows: John; Israel, who married Elizabeth Getchell; Nathaniel, killed by the Indians, April 28, 1676; Jonathan, next in line of descent; Thomas; Mary, married, November 29, 1676, Samuel Guild, of Dedham; and Deborah.

Jonathan Woodcock died in Attleboro, Massachusetts, December 7, 1736. He married, in 1698, Mary Williams, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Deborah, born January 24, 1700, married John Capron; Phoebe, born January 17, 1701; Jona-

than, born March 9, 1704; Thomas, born April 8, 1706; Benjamin, through whom the line of descent was continued; and William, born September 30, 1712.

Benjamin Woodcock, born in Attleboro, June 12, 1707, was a life-long resident of that place, dying there October 25, 1791. In 1734 he married Margaret White, by whom he had ten children, namely: Benjamin, born December 31, 1735; Nathan, next in line of descent; Margaret, born August 26, 1740; David, born June 4, 1742; John, born June 15, 1744; Mary, born March 13, 1746; Ruth, born February 27, 1748; Hannah, born April 29, 1752; Jonathan, born April 28, 1753; and Hepzibah, born June 4, 1758.

Nathan Woodcock, born in Attleboro, January 20, 1738, moved to Swanzey, New Hampshire, in 1758, joining his uncle, Jonathan Woodcock, who settled there in 1753, being one of the incorporators of the town. A son, and also a grandson, of this Jonathan Woodcock, both named Jonathan Woodcock, served in the Revolutionary war, as did Nathan Woodcock, all enlisting in a company raised in Swanzey. Nathan Woodcock subsequently owned a large farm a mile and a half from Swanzey village, and this estate having been divided, was owned in 1890 by Joshua Holbrook and Sylvander Whitcomb. Not far away is the beautiful home of Denman Thompson, the noted actor, who named his famous play "'Josh Whitcomb" from these two friends of his, taking the Christian name of one, and the surname of the other. Nathan Woodcock married, in Swanzey, in 1767, Lovina Goodnow, and there they both resided until their deaths, his death occurring May 17, 1817, and hers September 15, 1836, at the age of ninety years. Their children were as follows: Martha, born February 14, 1768; Azubah, born November 5, 1769; Nathan, born in November, 1772, died July 17, 1777; Lovina, born September 3, 1777, died September 5, 1831; Levi, born December 1, 1780, died in March, 1836; Polly, born March 1, 1782, died November 10, 1842; Sally, a twin sister of Polly, died in 1841; Nathan, born March 19, 1786, died in July, 1870; and David, father of Eliza Maria.

David Woodcock, born January 23, 1791, in Swanzey, lived there until twenty-eight years old, when, in the spring of 1820, he migrated with his family to Independence, Allegany county, New York. He subsequently moved with his family to Hallsport, New York, where his death occurred, May 15, 1860. He married Patty Osgood, who was born April 8, 1793, in Swanzey, New Hampshire, their marriage being solemnized December 30, 1812. She was a daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Osgood, the former of whom was born March 21, 1765, and died March 23, 1847, while the latter was born July 11, 1771, and died June 13, 1829. David and Patty (Osgood) Woodcock became the parents of eight children, namely: Eliza M., wife of Zenas H. Jones; George F., born at Swanzey, September 10, 1815, died at Independence, New York, October 21, 1834; Harry E., born in Swanzey, November 6, 1816; Mary Ann, born at Swanzey, August 30, 1818, died in Independence, New York, November 10, 1834; Rachel W., born at Almond, New York, June 25, 1820, married John Cline, and died at Hallsport, New York, December 23, 1903; Lucy A., born June 16, 1822, died August 3, 1876, in Wellsville, New York; John Q. A., born July 25, 1824; and Hugh A., born September 26, 1826.

Of the union of Zenas Hutchinson and Eliza M. (Woodcock) Jones, eight children were born, namely: Mary Ann, born March 3,

1835, married, May 20, 1858, Samuel J. Tallman; George Benjamin, born February 7, 1837, married first Gemilia N. Proctor, and married second Mrs. Ann Proctor; Lewis Edwin, born November 7, 1839, died April 21, 1841; Miles Tyler, born April 26, 1842, married Margaret O'Connel, and died June 20, 1897; Hugh Higgins, born August 13, 1844, married Sarah Coykendall, and died August 22, 1893; Sarah Eliza, born March 5, 1847, died August 17, 1848; Ira Edwin, born May 17, 1849, married Flora Agnes Thurber; and Franklin Pierce, whose name appears at the head of this sketch.

Beginning life for himself at the age of eighteen years, Frank P. Jones taught school winters a number of seasons, working in the harvest fields in the summer time, likewise being engaged to some extent in mining operations, which he has since followed largely. In 1884 he purchased, of his father-in-law, his present farm in Springfield township, and there carried on general farming, including dairying and stock raising until 1904, when, owing to ill health, he rented his land, and has since resided in West Springfield, retired from active pursuits. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, actively interested in local affairs, and in 1906 was elected justice of the peace. During his official career Mr. Jones has had the pleasure and satisfaction of settling the majority of the cases brought before him in a most amicable manner, without appealing to higher authorities. He belongs to the Baptist church, of which he is a deacon, and the clerk, and is a member of the State Police Association, No. 42, and of Springfield Grange, No. 1257, P. of H.

Mr. Jones married, May 10, 1876, Nellie L. Merritt, who was born March 31, 1858, in Genesee Village, Allegany county, New York, a daughter of Charles H. Merritt, a pioneer settler of Allegany county, who came to Erie county from New York state. Mr. Merritt first worked at his trade of a shoemaker, then as an agriculturist, but was afterward interested in the New York oil fields. He was born in 1822 and died June 6, 1894, aged seventy-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah N. Courter, was born in 1836, and now, a woman of venerable years, is living in West Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children, namely: Blanche E., born June 12, 1883, is head book-keeper for the Sims Company, in Erie; and Helen S., born July 11, 1896.

Abner P. Salsbury. The justice of the peace of a rural community enjoys relations of peculiar intimacy with its people, coming very close to their daily joys and vexations and, if he is of the true human material, becoming a general adviser and a pacific father. To retain one persistently in such an office is the best possible compliment to his warm sympathy, as well as his wise judgment of human nature. These statements may be most appropriately applied to the character and experiences of both Abner P. Salsbury of Conneaut township and Howard Salsbury, his patriotic, beloved and revered father, who passed away when he himself was far too young to appreciate his virtues.

Abner P. Salsbury was born September 2, 1825, in West Tinmouth, Rutland county, Vermont, and is a son of Howard and Rebecca (Pratt) Salsbury. As he comes of Welsh-English descent on his father's side and Scotch-English, on his mother's, he is about as

sturdy a British-American as can be conceived. Long before the Revolutionary war Nathan, John and Howard Salsbury emigrated from Wales, settling respectively in Vermont, Delaware and Virginia. The Delaware branch is honored by Senator Salsbury and the family numbers leaders in the politics and public life of each of the commonwealths mentioned. The Vermont representatives were the first to omit the "i" from the family name. Nathan Salsbury, the grandfather of Abner P., was born in Rutland county, Vermont, but resided at Danby when he served as a soldier of the Revolution and married Mary Sprague. By her he had seven sons and one daughter, of whom Howard (father of Abner P.) was the fifth. Five of these sons came to Conneaut, Pennsylvania, when young men, and as they were of a hardy, intelligent stock, born and reared among the invigorating highlands around old Dorset mountain, Vermont, they were specially fitted to cope with the hardships of the Pennsylvania wilderness. Elias, John and Nathan located in the township in the winter of 1795, penetrating the New York wilderness to Buffalo, and there loading their baggage on a hand sled, traveling on the ice by lake to Springfield. Thence they proceeded to Conneaut township and located several hundred acres of land in and around Springfield. Elias and John setttled first on what is known as the King Brown farm, and Nathan on the Fichengee place at East Springfield. The last named kept what was known as the Vermont tavern. He finally died at Warren, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, more than eighty years of age. One of his grandchildren was the famous showman, Nate Salsbury, Buffalo Bill's partner. Howard and David, the other two sons, came to Conneaut about 1800.

Howard Salsbury, the father of Abner P., received a good common school education for his day, and had the usual experiences of the frontier school master when he located in his Pennsylvania home. In February, 1812, he was appointed justice of the peace by Governor Snyder, and for his office he built an addition to the log house which he had occupied for twelve years as a residence. He also served in the war of 1812, under Commodore Perry, as did his brothers, John and Nathan. Howard Salsbury was taken sick while returning to his home in Conneaut township from a visit to Vermont, died soon after his arrival and is buried in Springfield cemetery. His death occurred in 1827. Still a justice of the peace at the time of his decease, the country for miles around had learned that the best friend and the most disinterested advise to be obtained was to be found in the person of Howard Salsbury. As he had also married three hundred couples at his homestead office, several generations of cordial and thankful people had grown up around him. The deceased was known also as a progressive farmer, and many of the apple orchards of the township have their origin in his nursery which was located in the southeast corner of the old homestead orchard.

On December 25, 1819, Howard Salsbury was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Pratt, daughter of Abner and Rachel (Linn) Pratt, of Tinmouth, Vermont. The father was born June 3, 1770, and died at that place December 1, 1852, while the mother died April 8, 1797. Mrs. Howard Salsbury, who was born November 11, 1794, died November 16, 1881, and is buried in the Tinmouth cemetery.

She was the mother of two sons—John F. and Abner P., of this sketch. The former was born January 10, 1821; came to Conneaut in 1845, and married Miss Mary Ann DeWolf, of Springfield, daughter of Joseph De Wolf. A farmer by occupation, shortly before the Civil war he moved to Bedford, Taylor county, Iowa, engaged in teaching, and with the commencement of hostilities enlisted in the Twenty-ninth infantry from that state, losing his life in the Red River expedition May 6, 1863. His remains are buried on the battlefield at Helena, Arkansas. After the death of Howard Salsbury, the father, about 1827, his widow married Simons Smith, of Tinmouth, Vermont, and her two sons went to live with their step-father on what was called Tinmouth Hill. The two children of this second marriage were Huldah Smith, who married Hannibal Hopkins, and is now a widow living with her children at Tinmouth; and Theophilus, who has wandered over many parts of the world, served four years in a Kansas cavalry regiment, and is now in Cuba, minus a leg which he left on a southern battlefield.

Abner Salsbury obtained his earliest schooling from his mother's lips, the first school house which he attended being on Tinmouth Hill, overlooking Otter Creek valley. The school was furnished with substantial seats, consisting of long maple slabs without backs and elevated on legs, so that the small children had perfect freedom to swing their feet. The writing desks were boards placed around the outside of the room, with a slight slope from the wall. In the government of the school, the birch and the ruler were not conspicuous for their absence. The youth obtained his education in the common schools of Tinmouth and Poultney, Vermont, and at Troy Conference Academy, of that state. For a number of years he successfully taught in the schools of Poultney and Granville, Vermont, and at Hampton, Washington county, New York. In May, 1847, then twenty-two years of age, Mr. Salsbury located in Conneaut, coming by way of Lake Champlain, the Erie canal and Lake Erie and making the journey in eight days. In June following he returned to Vermont, but October 6, 1851, returned to settle permanently on the farm which he now occupies. The main occupation of his life has since been that of farming, although in 1852 he taught school at Cherry Hill and presided over a flourishing establishment of fifty-two pupils. In politics, he was originally a Whig of the sturdy old school, but has been identified with the Republican party since it has had an organization. He has served as town clerk for ten years and justice of the peace for twenty-five consecutive years, in the latter capacity, especially, increasing his own reputation as an able and just man and, at the same time, keeping alive the memory of his honored father. As a property owner, Mr. Salsbury has fifty acres of well improved land in Conneaut township and thirty-two acres of woodland in Springfield, and in the evening of his life cannot but feel that his feet are firmly planted on God's footstool.

On April 17, 1853, Mr. Salsbury married Miss Betsey E. Wood, of Conneaut, daughter of Henry and Sally (Hayward) Wood, of a well known New York family. Henry Wood was widely remembered as the mill boy of the early settlers. His wife was a Hayward, her family coming from Danville, Vermont, as early as 1813, and after a six weeks' journey through the New York and Pennsylvania

woods settled in Ashtabula county, Ohio, afterwards moving to Conneaut. Mr. and Mrs. Abner P. Salsbury became the parents of two children, as follows: Emma Jane and Eunice Lillian. The elder daughter, who was born October 1, 1854, married L. L. Geer, of East Springfield, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1891, and they have one child, Jared McKinley Geer, born February 27, 1893. The father is a farmer and a music teacher. The younger daughter of the Salsbury family was born December 3, 1868, and died January 3, 1875, her burial being at Springfield cemetery.

Oscar D. Sheppa. Both prominent and popular among the agriculturists and business men of Elk Creek township, Erie county, is Oscar D. Sheppa, who has been a life-long resident of that part of the state and is a member of one of its leading pioneer families. He was born in Springfield township, this county, to the marriage of William and Rosalia Augusta Louise (Schettler) Sheppa. His father was a native of Heinrichsort, kingdom of Saxony, Germany, and was born February 24, 1823, while the mother's birthday was July 15, 1826, and her birthplace, the city of Wildenfels, also in Saxony. The maternal grandparents were F. and Caroline (Bragman) Schettler. The former, who was born February 22, 1796, died in Wildenfels September 23, 1849, aged fifty-three years, while the grandmother who was born February 28, 1801, came to the United States with her daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. A. Boehm) in 1867, and died at Meadville, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1876. Grandfather Schettler was a man of considerable prominence in Saxony, serving for many years as the chief gardener and florist for the castle and estate of Count von Sohns of Wildenfels. Mrs. Sheppa's grandfather was of the noble Polish family of Bungkofsky and was adjutant to Count von Sohns, while his wife was long the governess of the Von Sohns children.

Emigrating from their native Saxony in 1852, Mr. and Mrs. William Sheppa located first in St. Louis, Missouri, where the husband followed his trade as a weaver, and thence they moved successively to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and to Springfield township, Erie county. In time the husband and father located on what is now known as the old Sheppa homestead in Elk Creek township, and gave himself entirely to its improvement. At the time of purchase only about fifteen acres of the tract had been cleared, but through the perseverance and industry of the father and two sons it was transformed into an attractive, comfortable and thoroughly-improved homestead. On the 19th of September, 1862, the faithful but patriotic head of the household enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years of service in the Civil war, being honorably mustered out at Cumberland, Maryland, July 10, 1865. During his three years at the front his wife bravely and loyally superintended the work of the home farm and cared for the household and the children. She lived to see her wifely and motherly services gratefully acknowledged by mature sons and daughters, dying April 13, 1902, while the honored father passed away seven years thereafter to a day. They were both faithful to the old-time faith of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Sheppa was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Albion Lodge No. 376. They were certainly true and

stanch parents and their prosperous sons and daughters will always recall with gratitude their fortitude in venturing alone into a strange country, virtually without friends and with only a few dollars between them. Forming an item of their wealth were several German pennies (date of 1777), which their children fondly treasure. The following children were born to William and Rosalia Sheppa: Paul, who is engaged in farming in California; Clara, widow of John W. Sheldon; Theodore, of Springfield; Laura, now deceased; Oswald, who is a California business man; Clemens Otto, who is living at the old Sheppa homestead in Elk Creek township; and Oscar, of this sketch. The daughter Clara was born February 24, 1858, and by her marriage to John W. Sheldon became the mother of John Elton, September 1, 1887. Mr. Sheldon was a son of Samuel and Harriet (Fuller) Sheldon and was both a carpenter and a saw mill man. His death occurred in 1904, at the age of fifty. He was a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Springfield. Clemens Otto Sheppa, born in 1871, farmed with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, when he left for California and for three years was engaged in railroad service. Returning then to his parents he lived with them until their death, and has since resided with his brother and sister on the home farm.

Since the completion of his schooling, Oscar D. Sheppa has successfully farmed the family estate of one hundred and fifty acres, in connection with a flourishing dairy. He is an active Granger and a progressive citizen generally. In 1890 Mr. Sheppa married Miss Anna Brock, who was born on the old Brock homestead in Elk Creek township, daughter of Stewart and Nancy (Mitchell) Brock. Her father was also a native of the township and during many years was one of its representative agriculturists, engaging in general farming, dairying and cattle feeding. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-five, assisting to clear the home property which eventually became his own and the homestead of his last years. Stewart Brock passed to his final reward in 1907, aged seventy-two years, but is yet survived by his widow, who is living near Albion. Before marriage she was Nancy Mitchell, born in Elk Creek township July 1, 1832, a daughter of Richard and Sophia (Bailey) Mitchell, the latter dying in 1875, when seventy years of age. Richard Mitchell, a New Yorker and a cooper by trade, survived until 1891, dying at the age of eighty-four. Mrs. Brock was but sixteen years of age when her mother died and, being the oldest of the children, she took her place at the head of the household and fulfilled a dutiful and loving part in the care of her younger brothers and sisters. She still has two brothers and a sister living—David, a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of Riverside county, California, who is the treasurer of that county; Oscar, a retired hotel proprietor of North Springfield, and Sophia, who is the widow of A. Ball and also a resident of that place. The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brock were as follows: Anna, now Mrs. Sheppa; Ida, who married A. Whittaker, of Albion; Willis, who is farming the Brock homestead; and Ola, now Mrs. William McCommons. Mrs. Brock is a devout and worthy member of the Baptist church. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Sheppa—Nellie Lillian (August 27, 1895), who is attending school at Wellsburg.

Charles A. Stark. A man of recognized executive ability, active, energetic, and clear-headed, Charles A. Stark occupies a responsible position as superintendent of the Union City Chair Factory, with which he has been identified for the past twelve years, the first half of the time as foreman, and the latter half having full charge of the plant. A son of John S. and Elsie A. Stark, natives respectively, of Saratoga and Jefferson counties, New York, he was born, in 1869, in Oswego county, New York, and there acquired his elementary education. The other children of his parents are Mrs. L. L. Baldwin, Mrs. F. L. Lighthall and John B. Stark.

Removing with his parents to Cleveland, Ohio, when he was fourteen years of age, Charles A. Stark there completed his schooling, and subsequently learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, and also the art of hand engraving, becoming an expert worker at each. Coming to Union City in 1893, he has resided here since, a valued and trusted member of the community.

Mr. Stark married, in 1899, Edna E., daughter of J. C. Green, and they have one child, Allen J., born July 10, 1902. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Stark are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, which he has served officially as a trustee. Mr. Stark is numbered among the sound business men who are contributing so much toward maintaining the reputation of Union City as a desirable place of residence both from a social and financial point of view, and his fine residence is a center of attraction for the many friends of himself and wife who appreciate the home comforts there visible.

William M. Coons, of Concord township, Erie county, where he owns and operates a valuable eighty-acre farm, is a good type of the industrious, intelligent agriculturist and citizen who has done so much to make this section of Pennsylvania prosperous and the homes of a contented populace. He was born in Westfield, New York, and is a son of Raymond and Minerva (Matthews) Coons, both natives of the Keystone state and both living and prospering as members of an agricultural community. The children born to them were Hattie, Ida, George, William M., Marshall and Blanche.

The fourth child of the family, William M. Coons was reared and educated in Erie county, whither his parents removed in 1871. He had the advantage of maturing amid the common pursuits of the farm, which, if uneventful, are breeders of health and manhood. His career has been one of steady advancement toward independence, and in 1900 he purchased the eighty acres which he has since improved with such good judgment. His farming has been of a mixed character.

Mr. Coons has been twice happily married. In 1889 he was united to Miss Laura Cox, daughter of Elijah and Aminty (Lines), Cox, to whom was born one child, Mabel. In 1893 Mr. Coons married Mrs. Lillian Phillips, a sister of his former wife, and a widow with two daughters, Bessie and Gertie. He is a man of quiet and domestic tastes, industrious and successful in his chosen avocation, and, without ambition to enter the strife of politics is living in contentment and usefulness.

S. Reid Lyons, proprietor of the best general store in the rural districts of Erie county, was born in 1874, in Union City, Pennsylvania.

He is the son of James J. and Emily E. (Smith) Lyons, both natives of Wayne township, and grandson of John and Nancy (Smith) Lyons. John Lyons was an early settler of Union township, and his wife died April, 1909, at the age of ninety-eight years. Further information regarding the Lyons family may be found by consulting the sketch of Harvey S. Lyons, to be found in this work. The wife of James J. Lyons died in July, 1903; they were parents of three children, of whom two are living, S. Reid and James N.

S. Reid Lyons received the best education obtainable in his native town, Union City, and then taught school for three years. He then spent three years as clerk in a store, after which he spent the same length of time on his father's farm in Union township. In 1896 he entered the employ of his uncle, D. S. Lyons, at Beaver Dam, in the store now owned by him, and purchased the stock in February, 1909. He keeps a fine line of general merchandise, received direct from the hands of the manufacturers, and has a constantly increasing patronage. He has a profitable investment in this line, and is also interested in the general products of the surrounding country; his brother, James N. Lyons, has charge of the latter feature of the business, and makes semi-weekly shipments to market.

Mr. Lyons takes a general interest in the welfare and progress of the town, and has filled several public offices; he was postmaster from 1896 to 1903, at which date the rural free delivery was inaugurated, served some time as township register, auditor, clerk and commissioner's clerk. He also served as member of the State Police force. He is an enthusiastic member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 118, at Wattsburg, and the Encampment at Union City, No. 248.

Mr. Lyons married, in 1897, Georgie Smith, and to them have been born two children, Miriam N. and Flora R., Mrs. Lyons is a member of the Rebekahs at Union City. Mr. Lyons is a stanch Republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Beaver Dam.

A. J. Whitney. One of the finest creamery plants in the county is operated by A. J. Whitney, proprietor of the Beaver Dam Creamery. He was born in 1853, in Chautauqua county, New York, and is the son of Orange and Janette Whitney, both natives of that county; they were the parents of three children, namely: Myron, Arthur and A. J.

Mr. Whitney was reared and educated in his native county, and took up farming, but for the last twenty years has been engaged in butter-making. Before coming to Corry he owned the Hatch Hollow Creamery, which he operated for five years with good success. He purchased the Beaver Dam Creamery in 1906; this was first built for the manufacture of cheese, but for the last nine years has been devoted to the present industry. Mr. Whitney has a thorough mastery of the art of butter-making, and the creamery is noted for its superior brand of butter. Last year (1908) Mr. Whitney received 1,367,103 pounds of milk, and produced 60,500 pounds of butter, netting the patrons $14,769, besides giving him a fair recompense for his work. The enterprise is of considerable importance to the community, and

is handled in a business-like and profitable manner by its enterprising proprietor.

Mr. Whitney married (first) Helen Ploss, by whom he had two children, namely: Arletta, now the wife of S. M. Morley and Jesse, a resident of Sharon, Pennsylvania. He married (second) in 1888, Carrie, daughter of James Wood, and they have one son, Ora J. Mr. Whitney is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

William G. Walker, postmaster of West Springfield and one of the leaders of Erie county both in business and public affairs, is of an old and substantial eastern family whose history and standing are well indicated by the stately and beautiful colonial residence which is the most picturesque feature of the Old Ridge. This, the home of Mr. Walker and his family, was built seventy years ago, but after being purchased by its present owner was remodeled both without and within, so that it is in keeping with all modern requirements of comfort and artistic taste and at the same time retains its distinctive charm of colonial architecture. The building has a grand frontage of one hundred and sixty feet and its interior furnishings and arrangements carry the visitor back to the times of early American history when the Walker family was making such an honorable record in Massachusetts and New York.

Well authenticated records trace the family to the great-great-grandfather, Timothy Walker, who was born at Hebron, Massachusetts, in 1720, and died at Penfield, New York, 1808. This is the location of the old homestead and the resting place of many members of the family, the Walker cemetery being an historic landmark of the region. Justice Walker, who married Nancy Miller, was of the next generation, being born in 1763 and dying in 1831. The grandfather of William G., Samuel Walker, was born in 1796 and married Sarah Case. Their son, Chauncey Case, was a native of Washington county, New York, who was born September 16, 1822, and died in March, 1889. With his widowed mother he came to Erie county, where he spent his long and honorable life as a farmer. The elder Mr. Walker was a Republican and a Methodist, but had no desire for prominence of any kind. He married Elizabeth Wheelock, who was born September 4, 1828, and died February 28, 1904, the daughter of Jesse Wheelock who was long a justice of the peace in his old home neighborhood of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey C. Walker were: May L., now the wife of F. J. Walker, a manufacturer of Erie; Homer O., living on the old Harbor Creek homestead in Erie county; S. J., who is a farmer at Afton, Iowa, and William G., of this biography.

Mr. Walker was born in Harbor Creek, this county, July 1st 1869, receiving his early education at that place and later attending the Erie Academy. Although reared on a farm, he evinced an inclination for business in his boyhood and has followed mercantile lines since he left school. He first resided at San Francisco, California, but at the death of his parents, a year after his going to that place, he took his share of the family estate, which he traded for property in Erie, with the result that he has since been identified with the advancement of the county all along the line. In 1897 he purchased the W. I. Potter's leading general store at West Springfield. That

it is now one of the largest and most complete establishments of the kind in the western part of the county is mainly due to the enterprise and ability of its proprietor, whose influence has also expanded far beyond the sphere of his business activities. Outside of this important mercantile establishment, he is president of the Walker Sand Company, whose sources of supply are at West Springfield and at Conneaut and Kingsville, Ohio, and is a stockholder in the West Springfield Telephone Company, besides having other business connections both in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Walker has long been one of the rising Republicans marked for continuous public advancement. Within recent years there have been few conventions of the county in which he has failed to appear as an active and influential delegate and he has also been honored as a representative of his party at state and national gatherings. His standing in the councils of Republicanism was recognized at Washington, by his appointment as postmaster of West Springfield in 1901, and he has continued to give its citizens a business-like and honest administration of local postal affairs. At the last campaign he was one of six contestants for the office of county treasurer and, although his home township and the adjacent territory came strongly to his support, the main strength of Erie city was cast for other candidates—which alone prevented him from securing the honor. As he has served as treasurer of his town for the past ten years and has enjoyed a broad and varied business experience his entire adaptability for the office is beyond dispute and there is every present likelihood that he will be successfully put forward as a candidate for the county treasureship in the near future.

Mr. Walker has a wide connection with the fraternal, business and social organizations of his locality. He is a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 222 of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 416, at Springfield and of the Modern Woodmen at Erie, Camp No. 5294; also, of the Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's and the old Lincoln clubs of Erie. He is a trustee of the Methodist church and active in its work, as well as a generous supporter of moral and charitable movements which appeal to his sense of justice and practicability. Mr. Walker was married September 18, 1889, at Harbor Creek, to Miss Hattie Elizabeth Hyke, who was born in this county in October, 1869, to Charles C. and Harriet Jane Hyke, both living. Mrs. Walker is also a leader in the local Methodist church, long identified with the Ladies' Aid Society, secretary of the Ladies' Club and otherwise prominent in its sociabilities and charities. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Grant, who was born September 18, 1890, is a student at the University of Michigan and a member of Company L, Ohio National Guard. Dorothy Vernon, the daughter, was born July 24, 1906.

Bristol Brothers. Miles O. and George A. Bristol compose the firm of Bristol Brothers, which conducts a flourishing general store and agricultural depot at East Springfield. They are sons of Samuel and Sarah (Mills) Bristol, old settlers of Erie county who were married in 1854. Miles Bristol, the grandfather, was a farmer and a school teacher who migrated from New York state at an early day and married Miss Betsey DeForest. He died in 1842. The father

was born in Concord township, this county, in 1836, and spent his life in cultivating its fertile soil. The mother was a New York lady, born June 20, 1832, daughter of Augustus Mills and his wife (Ann Monette Owen), who came to Erie county in 1844. The maternal grandfather died in 1865, at the age of sixty-seven years, the grandmother following him in 1878, aged seventy-eight. The Bristol brothers have an aunt living—Lydia Warner, a resident of Springfield, who is the widow of a soldier of the Civil war; also two sisters and a brother—Ellen, now the wife of W. W. Jennes, of North Girard, Pennsylvania; Achaia, Mrs. W. R. Chapman, whose husband is a farmer of Springfield township; and Emery, engaged as a clerk at Albion.

Miles O. Bristol is a native of Girard township, Erie county, born on the 22nd of June, 1864, and spent the four years after leaving school in the railroad business, being two years a conductor on the Erie street car lines. He then pursued agricultural pursuits about two years, in Conneaut township, after which he entered into a partnership with his brother at East Springfield in the general merchandise and farm implement business. He is a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 416 of Springfield. Mr. Bristol has been twice married—first, to Miss Zadie Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bowman, of Springfield, both of whom are deceased. The child of this union, Ralph, was born March 6, 1898. The mother died in 1902 and as his second wife Mr. Bristol married Miss Jessie Hills, daughter of Humphrey and Louisa (Loomis) Hills. In politics, Mr. Bristol is a Republican and is now serving as treasurer of Springfield borough.

George A. Bristol also engaged in railroading at Albion for some time after leaving school, and when eighteen years of age located at Springfield as a clerk for T. Webster. He continued with Mr. Webster about eight years, and after being three years with him opened up a grocery store and his brother Miles was associated with George for about one year. About 1898, Mr. Bristol and his brother Miles opened up a general store—later adding farm implements, and since that time their business has had a flourishing growth. Their place of business is The Webster Store Building, now owned by the I. O. O. F., of East Springfield.

Mr. Bristol's wife was formely Miss Della Crouch, who was born in 1870 and is a daughter of Albert and Yeda (Whiting) Crouch. Their child, Ruth, is now eight years of age. Mr. Bristol is a Republican in politics and officially he was borough treasurer for several years, and borough councilman for years, and he is a member of the Board of Education. He is a member of Lake Erie Lodge No. 416. Mrs. Bristol is a member of the Presbyterian church and her husband is one of the trustees.

John Frank Salsbury, proprietor of the "Central House," at Albion, this county, is the grandson of Elias and Hannah Salsbury, who came from Vermont at an early day and settled in the locality now called Kidders Corners, which was long the seat of the old family homestead. Both his father and himself were born in Springfield township, this county, the former (Luther Salsbury) being a farmer until his death in 1907, at the age of seventy-seven. He married Miss Eva L. Thomas, daughter of Elijah and Catherine (Brodhead) Thomas,

natives of Germany, who were pioneers of Crawford county. The mother died in 1886, aged fifty-five years, her children being as follows: Elijah T., a farmer of Springfield township; John F., of this sketch; and Camilla, who resides at North Girard.

Mr. Salsbury was born in Springfield township, this county, on the 12th of October, 1879, and was educated in the district schools. He obtained his early business experience in the butcher business and continued in that line until 1905, when he became connected with the hotel business at Albion. In January, 1909, he bought the interest of E. T. Sheehan in the hotel now called the "Central House," which he now conducts and owns. Mr. Salsbury has also a wide connection with the fraternal organizations of the township, being a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Albion, No. 376; State Police Camp No. 66, of Springfield; Moose Order, Erie Lodge No. 66; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Erie No. 67. On July 4, 1898, Mr. Salsbury married Miss Grace Green, born in 1880, a daughter of Samuel W. and Frances (Gabler) Green, the father being a farmer of Elk Creek township. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Salsbury are: Blanche, Laura, Elmer, Howard and Helen.

Mark D. Thrasher. Perhaps one of the most prominent of the farmers and dairymen of Elk Creek township is Mark D. Thrasher, the well known proprietor of the Maple Shade Dairy. He is also a member of a family which has long been identified with the agricultural life of this township, and was born on his parents old homestead here March 14, 1867, a son of David Thrasher, and a grandson on the paternal side of Stephen Thrasher, who was born April 9, 1794, and died on the 9th of January, 1859, while his wife, nee Mary Smith, was born July 6, 1807, and died February 8, 1858. Their marriage was celebrated on the 29th of October, 1822, and among their children was the above named David Thrasher, who was born on the 22d of December, 1827, and died on the 7th of July, 1895, after many years of honorable and faithful labor in Elk Creek township. He married for his first wife Adelia Kidder, who was born May 15, 1827, and died on the 27th of April, 1863, the mother of Nancy Barnes, Mary L. and Mary A., but all are deceased with the exception of the last named, who is the wife of a Mr. D. Betts, a merchant in Cranesville.

David Thrasher married secondly, February 25, 1864, Almira Rhodes, who was born May 18, 1842, a daughter of Jefferson and Mary (Crandall) Rhodes, both natives of Vermont. The mother died in 1856, aged forty-five years. Mr. Rhodes, who was a carpenter and erected many of the early buildings of the township, was a settler of 1831, and he died in 1888, at the age of eighty-one. He was twice married, and the children of his first union are: Ruth, the wife of Amos Waite, of Elk Creek township; Jerry Rhodes, a farmer of the same township; and Almira, who became the wife of David Thrasher and two deceased. The second wife of Jefferson Rhodes, nee Miss Sarah Crounch, bore him one child, Henry E., who is now a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mark D. is the elder of the two sons born to the union of David and Almira (Rhodes) Thrasher, and his younger brother, George R. Thrasher, is living in California,

a carpenter there. He married a lady from Erie county, Edith Mitchell.

Mark D. Thrasher farmed with his father from the time of leaving school at the age of nineteen years to the age of twenty-one, and during the four years following this period he farmed for himself near Lockport in Erie county. Returning then to the parental homestead, he remained there during another four years or until his marriage, when he bought his present valuable farm adjoining, and in connection with his general farm work he is quite extensively engaged in dairying. He married May A. Hurst, who was born November 27, 1871. She is a daughter of Thomas Hurst, for many years a prominent business man in Erie county, a granddaughter of Samuel Hurst and a great-granddaughter of Daniel Hurst, who was born near Manchester, England. This Daniel Hurst was a farmer by occupation, and he married Alice Hunt.

Samuel Hurst, the grandfather, was also born in England, in 1815. Emigrating to America in 1845, he settled in Conneaut township, Erie county, where he first worked at his trade of carpentering, while subsequently he bought land near Cranesville in 1859, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his active life. He married Anna Beaumont, who was born in England, April 1, 1816, a daughter of Thomas and Alice (Goddard) Beaumont, and she died on the old homestead near Cranesville March 24, 1887.

The only surviving child of that household, Thomas Hurst, was born May 22, 1847, in Conneaut township, Erie county, and although reared as a farmer's son he on attaining his majority learned the carpenter's trade, but after this spent two years in the oil region. Locating then in Cranesville he was there engaged in business for fourteen years as a manufacturer of sash, door and blinds, while subsequently he carried on a successful business as a general merchant for ten years. Assuming possession of his present home near Albion, he has since lived retired from active pursuits, an honored and respected citizen. He votes with the Republican party, and has served as a member of the school board and as township auditor. He is a member of the Grange, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees and of the State Police. Thomas Hurst married Mary A. Martin, who was born May 27, 1848, a daughter of Franklin and Anna (Morris) Martin, and the seven children of their union are: May A., born in 1871, and now Mrs. Thrasher; Eugene W., born in 1873, a barber in Albion; Clyde L., born in 1877, resides in Pittsburg; Frank E., a business man in Albion; Earl T., born in 1881, proprietor of a meat market in Lorain, Ohio; Alice, born in 1884, and Grace L., born in 1888, are both telegraph operators in Albion.

Three children have been born to Mark D. and May A. (Hurst) Thrasher: Glancie D., on the 15th of January, 1897; Howard H., January 8, 1899; and Mary, October 27, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thrasher are members of the Methodist church at Cranesville, of which his father was one of the founders, and he is a Prohibition voter. He has served his community as a member of the election board, a useful and valued citizen of his community.

Mrs. Charlotte Helen (Paine) McKean, widow of the late Alonzo George McKean, the well known farmer and contractor of Spring-

field township, Erie county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born near Greenville, Mercer county, on the 25th of June, 1859. She is a daughter of Stephen Paine, a Rhode Island man who settled in that place at an early day. He was a skilled mason and one of the first contractors on the Erie canal, his death occurring in 1887 at the age of seventy-four. The mother died at Greenville, in 1902, aged seventy. Mrs. McKean received a thorough education in the schools of her native town and previous to her marriage was a modiste. Following are her three brothers and three sisters: Tyler Paine, who is a civil engineer; James, a master mechanic at Conneaut, Ohio; Stephen, a lithographer, in business on Jackson boulevard, Chicago; Alice, now Mrs. E. Ludwig, of Andover, Ohio; Nora, who married W. S. Hollenberger, a Mercer county farmer; and Maude who is the wife of W. Shade, railroad engineer, of Greenville.

After her marriage Mrs. McKean came to the old McKean farm in Springfield township, but later moved to Cherry Valley, Ohio, where her husband engaged in the manufacture of cheese. In 1888 they located in Erie county, where Mr. McKean bought a farm called Five Corners. The present comfortable homestead was occupied in 1896. Mr. McKean then engaged both in farming and masonry contracting and while engaged on the brick work of the Perry bridge met with the accident which caused his death March 30, 1909. As he was born August 11, 1855, he was a man of useful middle age and his sudden taking-off seemed untimely to his loving relatives and his many friends. He had earned the deep respect of the community, having been active not only in its practical works but in its social, fraternal and religious activities. He was identified, at the time of his death, with the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Albion; State Police Camp No. 66; P. H. C. and the local Grange, and was one of the active and honored members of the Methodist church of West Springfield. Both the McKean and Paine families had their old-world origin in France, the grandparents of the deceased (George and Syphone (Hazen) McKean) having been natives of that country. The surviving brothers and sisters of Alonzo G. McKean are Alexander, who is a mason of Greenville; Sylvester, a contractor; Harriet, wife of J. Hill; Elizabeth, now Mrs. E. Foot, of Cherry Valley, Ohio; Harp, who married M. Kyle, also a resident of Greenville, and Sally, who lives in Harrison county, Iowa. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKean, as follows: Eva, born in 1882, who is the wife of P. Bort, a Conneaut (Ohio) mason, and the mother of Earl, Fay, Maurice, Paul and Alonzo; Lutie, born in 1885, who is married and the mother of Margaret Evelyn; and Vida, born in 1894, who is attending the commercial college at Conneaut.

Seymour D. Ware. Among the native born citizens of Erie county who have spent their lives within its boundaries, aiding in every possible way its growth and development, whether relating to its agricultural, industrial or financial interests, stands Seymour D. Ware, whose birth occurred, October 16, 1839, in Springfield, on the old Rea homestead, which was likewise the birthplace of his mother, and which has been in possession of the family for one hundred and eight years. Succeeding to the ownership of this homestead, he was for many years prosperously employed in general farming.

His father, Joseph Ware Jr., was born in Girard, Pennsylvania, coming from there to Springfield when a boy. Joseph Ware Sr., grandfather of Seymour D., came from Vermont to Erie county, bringing his family with him. Driving with a yoke of oxen, he carried his provisions with him from Cleveland, and on reaching Zanesville was stricken with a fever, and died in that place. After the death of his father, Joseph Ware Jr. remained with his mother, assisting her in the care of the family and returning to Erie county, Pennsylvania. He was a general farmer, making dairying a specialty. He married Eliza Rea, who was born in Springfield, August 19, 1808, and died March 13, 1899. Politically Joseph Ware Jr. was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, after which he was one of its strongest supporters, both by voice and by vote. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist church. To him and his wife four children were born, of whom Seymour D., is the only one now living, one son and two daughters having passed to the higher life.

After leaving the public schools, Seymour D. Ware attended the old academy at West Springfield. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Brown, of Erie, and was subsequently at the front in the battles fought at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. On July 25, 1863, he was taken prisoner, and was confined five months in Belle Isle prison. Being then exchanged, Mr. Ware rejoined his regiment at Petersburg, and at the close of the war was mustered out of the service as hospital steward. Returning home, he took up farming on the old Rea homestead, and continued the occupation in which he was reared. He carried on a good business as a stock raiser. He constantly added to the improvements previously made on the place, replacing the old log house occupied by the original owner with the present commodious and substantially built dwelling house. In 1901 Mr. Ware rented his land, and has since been a resident of West Springfield. In 1902 he was elected to represent his district in the General Assembly, and re-elected to the same high position in 1904. He has been a member of the School Board twenty-three years, during which time he has served as its clerk twenty years. Mr. Ware has been a member of the Methodist church many years, and one of its trustees. Fraternally he belongs to the East Springfield Lodge, No. 416, I. O. O F.

Mr. Ware married Mary Weldon, who was born on January 31, 1840, in McKean township, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Sterrett) Weldom, early pioneers of Erie county, the former dying here at the venerable age of ninety-two years, and the latter passing away in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Ware have no children.

George Patterson Scott, who is conducting the old Scott farm in Springfield township, is one of the most thorough agriculturists and respected citizens of western Erie county. He was born on the place of his present residence and activities, on the 5th of February, 1851, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Patterson) Scott. His paternal grandfather, John Scott, at an early day moved from the east to Conneaut township, this county, but the family afterward settled in Springfield township. There Daniel Scott erected the first

brick house in the township, founded his homestead and performed other acts worthy of a pioneer.

Mr. Scott of this sketch farmed continuously on the family homestead until he was twenty-four years of age; then spent one year at Conneaut, Ohio, but returned to assist his father in his declining years and at his death, in 1882, assumed its full management and proprietorship. He is widely respected both for his faithfulness and his practical abilities. Although a firm Republican he has neither held nor desired office, but has modestly performed his duties as a husband, father and good citizen.

In 1870 Mr. Scott married Miss Mary Clark, daughter of Joel and Lucy Ann (Graham) Clark, her father, aged seventy-eight, being a retired citizen of Conneaut. Mr. and Mrs. George P. Scott became the parents of three children, as follows: Charles, who married Theresa Moyer, became the father of two children (Dorothy and Homer), who, by the death of their mother in 1907, are now cared for by their grandparents; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Frank Woodward, a farmer of Conneaut, and is the mother of George and Walter; and Jay Scott, of Albion, Pennsylvania, who, by his marriage to Miss Lillian Warner has one child, Lucille.

Robert D. Scott, proprietor of the largest general store in western Erie county, is a resident of West Springfield and is a representative of one of the widely known pioneers of Springfield township. He is also an extensive purchaser of farm products and shipping agent for the Buffalo Fertilizing Company, transacting a business in the latter line of six car-loads per year. Mr. Scott was a successful farmer for many years previous to assuming his present large and agreeable business relations with the community which has noted his advancement since boyhood and warmly indorsed his able and progressive character. He was born on the old Scott homestead in Springfield township November 26, 1858, and is a son of Daniel Scott, who was born October 18, 1817, and died in Springfield township in 1882. His paternal grandparents were John and Patience Scott. They came from the east and first settled in Conneaut township, the grandfather dying in 1863. The family afterward moved to Springfield township, where Daniel Scott erected the first brick house within its limits and founded what was known as the old Scott homestead. His wife (nee Elizabeth Patterson) was born August 29, 1821, daughter of John Patterson, a pioneer of West Springfield, and died in 1862.

R. D. Scott was thus left motherless at the age of four years, but was brought up by his father to habits of industry and morality and given a thorough education in the local schools. He left school permanently at the age of eighteen and until he was twenty-four assisted in the conduct of the old farm. He was then married and took possession of a farm adjoining the homestead of his birth, and upon this place of ninety acres conducted general farming for twenty-seven years. During much of that period he also operated a threshing machine, and placed himself in such comfortable circumstances that in the spring of 1909 he purchased the large general store at West Springfield then conducted by W. G. Walker. His trade covers a large surrounding territory and represents cash transactions of twenty

thousand dollars annually. The stock embraces hardware, dry goods, harness, saddlery, cigars, tobacco, drugs, etc., and is not only complete but specially adapted to the wants of the home community. The store is forty by ninety feet and well adapted to the business.

Mr. Scott has been too busy a man to give much time to politics; but he is an earnest and loyal Republican, has served as judge of election and in other local offices. In his mental and religious belief he is a Christian Scientist, has been one of the members of the local society and is a firm and intelligent supporter of the faith which he has adopted. In 1882 Mr. Scott first married Miss Victoria Cole, of Wellsburg, daughter of Myron and Mary L. (Dean) Cole. His wife, who was born in 1859, died childless in 1902. In 1904 Mr. Scott wedded Mrs. Jennie (Purcell) McCallie, who was born in 1876, daughter of Charles and Parilee (Cole) Purcell, both of whom are living. Mrs. Scott is also an enthusiastic Christian Scientist and she is a second reader. It may be added, as an item of family matters, that George Scott, a brother of R. D., is conducting the old farm, and that the sister, Libbie, is the wife of J. Paddelford, a North Girard plumber.

William E. Lewis is the most extensive manufacturer in western Erie county, his enterprises in West Springfield including one of the most extensive plants for the turning out of wooden ware in northwestern Pennsylvania. His father, William H., is identified with the shingle mill. Take it as a whole, there is no other family in Erie county which has done more for the continuous development of the wood and farming industries than that represented by the Lewises. John Lewis, the great-grandfather of the brothers, was the first to locate in the county, settling with his family at Five Corners, near West Springfield. His son, William, who was then a boy, was reared in that locality and in his early manhood married Olive Splitstone, of whose union William H. was one of the offspring. He, in turn, wedded Emily Jane Pennell, who was born in 1852, at Ashtabula, Ohio, daughter of William and Sarah (Oliver) Pennell. The father is one of the leading Odd Fellows of the county, being a charter member of the Conneaut (Ohio) lodge and connected with the fraternity for more than thirty years. He is also connected with Camp 42 of the State Police.

Mr. Lewis, of this sketch, is a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, born on the 15th of December, 1872, and from the age of twelve has been identified with some form of wood manufacture, receiving his initial training under his father. In 1905 he installed some second-hand machinery and an old engine in a small frame building at West Springfield and commenced the manufacture of various articles of wooden ware. This modest enterprise has since developed into the largest manufactory in western Erie county. It occupies a building one hundred by one hundred and fifty feet, two stories in height, with an independent electric plant and a fine outfit of modern machinery. The products embrace many articles in the line of novelties, as well as such household necessities as clothes racks, step ladders and ironing boards, and the output is shipped throughout the United States. The saw and shingle mill and lumber manufactory are combined in a busy plant valued at about twenty thousand dollars, which is operated

by the brothers, William E. and Barney H. The other brothers of the family are Charles L., a resident of Albion; Burt J., whose home is with William E.; and Floyd, engaged in the threshing machine business at West Springfield. The wife of the Mr. Lewis of this sketch was formerly Miss Dora Hubbard, daughter of George A. and Hannah (Brewster) Hubbard, old residents and honored pioneers of West Springfield.

Barney H. Lewis. The milling and lumbering industries of Erie county are much indebted to the enterprise and substantial business qualities of the Lewis brothers of West Springfield for their progress and solid status. As they are still young men, they are bound to come most prominently to the front as leading manufacturers and business men of the state. Born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of March, 1872, Barney H. Lewis has had a thorough experience in milling and lumbering throughout Erie, Allegheny and Beaver counties, the commencement of his practical training dating from the conclusion of his school days in boyhood. His earlier years were also spent in farm work and when he located at West Springfield, in 1899, he was operating a threshing machine. He is now not only a large sawyer and manufacturer of lumber, but operates a flourishing shingle mill. Mr. Lewis is a good business man and a sound financier, and also possesses those social qualities which do so much these days, to push along large enterprises. Like most of the enterprising and law-loving citizens of the county he is a member of the State Police (Camp No. 42), and his other fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 416.

William Henry Lewis, the father of the Lewis brothers, is associated with his sons in their lumber and shingle manufactory. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, June 22, 1847, and is a son William Lewis, who, as a boy, came into Erie county with his parents. He was a native of New York state and died in 1888, at the age of sixty-two years. It was the great-grandfather, John Lewis, who first established the family in Springfield township, and that section of Erie county has ever since been influenced for good by the presence and useful work of its members. The original pioneer married Rhoda Hill, who died in 1870. William Lewis, the grandfather, married Olive Splitstone and died in Conneaut township, this state, his wife passing away in 1904, at the age of seventy-two. William H., the father, wedded Emily Jane Pennell, born in Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1852, daughter of William and Sarah (Oliver) Pennell. The five children of their union were Barney H., William E., Charles L., Burt J. and Floyd. For a period covering four generations of the Lewis family the scene of its useful and important labors has been West Springfield and vicinity.

Mr. Lewis wedded Miss Bertha V. Thomas, June 9, 1898. She is a daughter of Sydney W. and Phyletta (Phillips) Thomas. Mrs. Lewis was born December 4, 1862, and educated in common schools. Both her parents are deceased. Her father was a soldier in the Civil war, and was wounded in battle. He was a member Company I, Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Melvin R. Davenport. A thriving and enterprising merchant of Conneaut township, Pennside, Erie county, and its postmaster, Melvin

R. Davenport is one of the most substantial and prominent business men of the place, and an important factor in promoting its advancement and prosperity. A son of the late Marcus Davenport, he was born, January 1, 1858, in Lockport, Pennsylvania.

A native of New York state, Marcus Davenport located in early manhood in Lockport, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he first followed his trade of a shoemaker, but later established a shoe shop. He was a man of integrity and worth, highly respected, and for some time served as postmaster at Cranesville. He resigned that position on account of ill health, and in 1863, when but thirty-three years of age, passed to the higher life. He married Esther Rhodes, a daughter of Stephen Rhodes. She survived him, passing away in 1907, aged seventy-seven years. She married for her second husband Rev. William Randall, of Conneaut township, a local preacher, and a farmer. By her union with Marcus Davenport, she had three children, namely: Melvin R., of this brief biographical sketch; Dora, wife of John Carter, a farmer in Conneaut township; and Ella, wife of J. L. Spaulding, also of Conneaut township. Of her marriage with Mr. Randall, one child was born, Bertha, wife of E. Keep, of Albion, Pennsylvania.

Completing his early education in the district schools, Melvin R. Davenport turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and for a number of seasons worked as a farm laborer. After his marriage, he bought land in Conneaut township, and followed general farming successfully until 1905. He then purchased, at Pennside, the grocery store of Edward Canfield, and has since built up a large and lucrative trade in his line of merchandise, and has also rendered excellent service to his fellow-townsmen as postmaster, being painstaking, prompt and accomodating.

Mr. Davenport married Mary Wilsey, who was born in New York state March 15, 1858. Her father, Moses Wilsey, came from New York state to Pennsylvania, about 1867, locating with his family in Conneaut township, where his death occurred, May 19, 1902, aged sixty-nine years. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet McClintock, was born in Lake county, Ohio, November 16, 1838, and died in Erie county, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1896. They reared three children as follows: Mrs. Davenport; Lucius W., of Ashtabula, Ohio; and Carrie, wife of J. Williams, of Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport, are the parents of four children, namely: Verna, born in 1886, married H. Boyce, of Crawford county, and they have two children: Angie J., wife of Ezra Robb, of Crawford county, has one child; Mark, born in 1893; and Morton, born in 1900. Politically Mr. Davenport affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served most acceptably in various township offices.

Alpheus S. Drake is the superintendent of Evergreen cemetery, a beautiful burying ground located one mile east of Union City. Its thirty acres of ground is beautifully laid out and artistically cared for by its efficient superintendent, while its hedges and evergreens are formed and fashioned into things of beauty under his artistic eye. The cemetery contains a commodious chapel built of buff amber stone and lined with brick, the floor being of cement, and in the back of this chapel, in the rear of the speaker's stand, are four

receiving vaults, but screened from view by a curtain. During the summer months five men are kept constantly employed about the cemetery, and all are under the supervision of Mr. Drake, who has held this position during the past ten years, the successor of P. K. Drury, for twenty years Evergreen's superintendent, and who now lies at rest in the ground he cared for and beautified.

Mr. Drake was born in Union City on July 18, 1850, a son of Elias and Mary J. (Stephens) Drake, from the state of New York and from Pennsylvania respectively. In an early day in its history they came to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and Drake's Mills in that county was named in their honor. The rearing and educating of their son was divided between Union City and Edinboro, and before entering upon his present office he had been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married on December 25, 1873, Miss Ella M., a daughter of Fred and Eveline (Trow) Sherwood and they have four children: Effie, the wife of W. C. Stanley, of Jamestown, New York; Dr. Lavant Drake, a dentist of Jamestown, graduated from Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Elbert A. and J. Floy. Mr. Drake served Union City as a councilman for one term. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Clement Lodge No. 220, at Union City, and of the Royal Arcanum, Union Council No. 198, and is a worthy member of and a deacon in the Baptist church. Mrs. Drake is also a member of same church as well as their sons, J. Floy and Elbert A. Mr. Drake is a Prohibitionist in every sense of the word.

Andrew L. Swap. A fine representative of the worthy agriculturists of Erie county, and an esteemed and respected citizen of Conneaut township, Andrew L. Swap is now living retired from active labor, having by industry, good management and systematic labor acquired a competency. A son of Andrew Swap Jr., he was born at Cherry Hill, Erie county, October 6, 1841. His grandfather, Andrew Swap Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, near the central part of the state, but subsequently settled permanently in New York state. He was twice married, by his first wife having six sons and three daughters, none of whom are living. By his second marriage he became the father of nine more children, and of these two sons and two daughters survive.

Andrew Swap Jr. was born in Cattaraugus county, New York. In 1840 he came with his family to Erie county, and for ten years resided in Conneaut township. Moving to Jefferson, Wisconsin, in 1850, he was there employed in farming two years, after which he located in La Salle county, Illinois, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for about thirty years. Returning to Pennsylvania, he lived for awhile in Crawford county, but spent his last years with his son, Andrew L., dying at a good old age. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker, and in addition to tilling the soil worked at his trade to some extent. He was a member of the Wesley Methodist church, and a strong abolitionist in politics. He married Sybil Hitchcock, of New York state, a native of Wyoming county, and they reared five children besides Andrew L., of this sketch, namely: Frank, a retired farmer of Jefferson county, Wisconsin; Albert E., engaged in the grocery business in Illinois; Prudence, of Humboldt, Kansas, is the widow of J. Towner; Harriet, wife of William Watson, a retired busi-

ness man of Goodland, Indiana; and Luther J. Three children have passed to the life beyond, Rachel, Melvina and Abigail.

When his parents removed to Jefferson county, Wisconsin, Andrew L. Swap remained in Erie county with an uncle, and was here educated. Going to Illinois in 1858, he worked as a farm hand until 1861, when, at Ottawa, La Salle county, he enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three months. He was sent with his comrades to Cairo, Illinois, where he was stricken with fever, and ordered home. On August 30, 1861, Mr. Swap re-enlisted for three years, entering Company E, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was sent under General Carter to Missouri. -He subsequently took part in numerous engagements of importance, including the battles at Pine Ridge and Perry, and the siege of Vicksburg. He was afterwards sent down the river to Brownsville, Texas. On February 10, 1864, Mr. Swap again re-enlisted as a volunteer veteran, and was sent to New Orleans to take part in the inauguration of Governor Hahn, the first free state governor. He subsequently went with his regiment down the Mississippi and Red rivers to reinforce General Banks, later going to Mobile, thence to Texas, where he remained until June 30, 1866, when he received his honorable discharge from the service, being mustered out at Springfield, Illinois.

Returning to La Salle county, Illinois, Mr. Swap remained there a short time, and then came to Erie county, to his Uncle Jacob's, and for three years carried on general farming. Going then to Allen county, Kansas, he was there successfully employed in tilling the soil for twelve years. Again coming back to Erie county, Mr. Swap spent three years in Albion, selling nursery stock, and four years at Cherry Hill, being employed in mining. Buying then his present farm, he carried on general farming with excellent pecuniary results until his retirement from active pursuits.

Mr. Swap married, September 18, 1866, Loretta DeWolf, who was born in 1840, a daughter of William B. and Catherine (Harrington) DeWolf, pioneer farmers of Conneaut township. Mrs. Swap has three sisters, namely: Sarah, wife of H. Pond, of Springboro; Mollie, wife of John McDowell and Izora, unmarried, living with her sister in Virginia. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Swap has been blessed by the birth of six children, namely: Clara, born in 1867; Estella, born in 1871; Kate, born in 1873; Rachel, born in 1877; Maud, born in 1880; and Frank, born in 1883. Clara married first E. Walworth, who died, leaving her with one child, Pansy, who married Lee Orford, of Conneaut, Ohio, and has one son, Robert Orford. Mrs. Walworth married for her second husband E. E. Perkins, and they have three children, George, Frank and Alice. Estella Swap married E. J. De Wolf, a farmer in Conneaut township, and they have two children, Loren and Florence. Kate, wife of Fred Swoap, also a farmer in this township, has three children, Grace, Bruce and Henry. Rachel married Ralph Griffey, and they are the parents of four children, Osmer, Edna, Donna, and Emmer. Maud, wife of A. Cheney, who is engaged in farming in Conneaut township, has three children, Clifford, Lawrence and Myrtle. Frank Swap, a telegraph operator in Springfield, married Eva Mallory, and they have one child, Harold.

In his political affiliations Mr. Swap is a Republican, and has served for ten years as justice of the peace; as assessor one term;

and is now township collector. He is a member of Albion Post, G. A. R.

JAMES P. BARKER, a well-known farmer of Girard, Pennsylvania, is descended from prominent early settlers of Erie county. He was born in Fairview township, this county, January 18, 1840, son of Hiram and Jane (McClelland) Barker. Philo Barker, the father of Hiram, was a native of Connecticut, as also was his wife, whose maiden name was Lewis, from which state, when a small boy, he came to Erie county with his father, Philo Barker, their settlement being in the northeastern part of the county. In 1819 he took up his abode in the southwestern part of Fairview township, where he spent the rest of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and where he died in 1845, his wife having passed away three years prior to his death. They were the parents of seven children, record of whom is as follows: Levi, who married Isabell McClelland, by whom he had six children, Samuel, Kate, Chancey, Edwin, Nancy and Alexander, all deceased, except the last named; Lloyd, who married Miss Galawer, by whom he had five children: Jane, Louis, Kate, Henry and Sophia, the first and last named still living; Hiram Samuel, who was twice married, the children of his first wife, nee Trowbridge, being Marcia, Electa, Charles and Celestia, and the children of his second marriage, Clarence and Charles; Edwin, who married Nancy McClelland, their children being Sarah, Lovicia and Alfred; Sophia, who married a Mr. Badger, their only child being Philo; Eleanor, who also married a Mr. Badger. Philo Barker and his wife are buried in Fairview cemetery. Their son Hiram, the father of James P., lived with his parents until their death. In 1852 he moved over into Girard township, where the last nine years of his life were passed, and where he died in 1861, at the age of fifty-two. Like his father before him, his energies were devoted to farming, in which he was successful. His wife's death followed his, and the remains of both rest in Girard cemetery. Their children in order of birth are: James P.; Mary, who became the wife of Alexander McClelland, of Girard township; Anna Jane, who is the wife of Emmett Shipman, of Akron, Ohio; John, who died in the U. S. Navy during the Civil war; William, a resident of Michigan, and Eleanor, who lives in Los Angeles, California.

James P. Barker grew up at the old home place, early became familiar with all the details of successful farming, and continued his residence with his parents while they lived. He has since maintained his interest in agricultural pursuits, and ranks with the prosperous farmers of his locality. He married Miss Mary E. Luther, daughter of George P. and Cynthia (Stuntz) Luther, representative early settlers of Fairview township, Erie county. Of Mr. Barker's maternal ancestry, we record that his mother, who before her marriage was Jane McClelland, was born in Girard township, daughter of Samuel and Jennie (McDonald) McClelland, of Scotch-Irish descent.

Samuel McClelland and his brother William, at the ages respectively of eleven and seven years, came from the north of Ireland to America, and they remained together, their interests united, throughout their lives. Up to the time Samuel was nineteen, they lived in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Then, in 1800, they

walked from there to Erie county, and in Girard township selected a location and began the work of clearing away the forest and developing a farm. In this they were successful. They lived to be the owners of a fine tract of land comprising about eight hundred acres. After they had been here two years, Samuel returned to Huntingdon county, for "the girl he had left behind," and to the frontier home he brought his bride. He died here in 1852; his wife, in 1847. Following are the names of their children in order of birth: William, who married Mercy Ann Fargo, by whom he had three children, Robert, Jane Ann, Electa; James, who married Mary Goodenough, who bore him three children, Helen, Susan and John; John, his brother who was killed when driving stage, at a place in front of what is now the County Poor House; Jane, the mother of the subject of this sketch; Anna, who married Robert Sterrett, became the mother of two children, John and Lincoln; Nancy, who married Edwin Barker, is referred to in connection with the Barker family history. William McClelland, the brother of Samuel, married Miss Ann Taggert, who bore him three children, Samuel, Cardiff and Alexander. William was a soldier in the war of 1812. He lived until about the close of the Civil war. From the earliest history of the township down to the present time the McClellands have occupied representative places among its best citizens. Mr. Barker is a Republican.

Phillip G. Baldwin is one of the rising young business men of Union City, a dealer in paints, oils, varnishes and wall paper, and also a contractor in painting and decorative work in Union City and the adjacent territory. The business was organized in 1903 and was conducted under the firm name of Baldwin and Deamer until J. M. Deamer retired from the firm on the 24th of September, 1906, and sold his interest to his partner. The business was organized with a capital stock of only nineteen dollars, but it is now valued at four thousand dollars, and the store is commodious and well appointed in all its arrangements and splendidly stocked with the best manufactured goods in its line. He handles a large quantity of varnishes and sells to the wholesale trade.

Mr. Baldwin was born in Amity township of Erie county, January 18, 1877, and is a son of D. D. and Laura E. (Philips) Baldwin, residents of this county and of New England ancestry. D. D. Baldwin is a well known and highly esteemed agriculturist in Amity township. They have three children, Nellie, the wife of F. B. Mullen, Ruth, wife of J. Parker, and their only son, P. G. The last named is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and of the Coleman Hose Company.

Erwin H. Sill. Among the many prosperous business men of Union township who have turned their attention to the dairying side of agriculture is numbered Erwin H. Sill, whose postoffice is Union City. While a prosperous general farmer he saw great possibilities in store for a man who would conscientiously furnish the public with pure, clean, rich milk, and this he is now doing, his milk testing five per cent. of butter fat, and his output is two hundred and seventy-five quarts a day. He keeps twenty-one cows of mixed breed, but of the grade that will produce the richest milk, and his home farm contains

fifty-five acres, and besides this he owns and leases sixty acres. He purchased this farm in 1905, and in the following year of 1906 he embarked in his present business.

Mr. Sill was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1858, a son of Henry and Emeline (Nourse) Sill, both of whom were born in Cattaraugus county, New York. Of their family of seven children five are now living, namely: Lucian, Erwin H., Herbert, Ormsbee and Emma, the last named the wife of Arvelle Miller, and Mrs. Miller, Ormsbee and Erwin are the only members of the family living in Erie county. Henry Sill, the father, died in 1865, and his widow survived until the year 1908. Although born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, Erwin H. Sill was reared and educated in Cattaraugus county, New York, where he lived with an uncle until 1866. Going then to Iowa he spent one year in that state, and returning to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, he married there in 1883 Mary, a daughter of W. B. and Anna Bryner. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, Roy M., Ethel M., Homer E., Glenn W. and Edith M. The elder daughter, Ethel M., is deceased, and Homer E., the second son, is attending school in Meadville. Mrs. Mary Sill was born in Venango county, New York, but her father, W. B. Bryner, had his nativity in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sill is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows of Lincolnsville, Crawford county, and of the United Presbyterian church.

Fred Eugene Hoag. One of the substantial and progressive merchants of Cranesville is Fred Eugene Hoag, who for many years applied to his agricultural operations those same traits of industry, thrift and foresight which, within a more recent period, have enabled him to establish himself among the solid business men of Erie county. A son of George Hoag, he was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of November, 1866, coming from more remote Rhode Island ancestry. His grandparents, Alexander and Clara (Bingham) Hoag, were born and reared in that state, and upon coming to Cambridge Springs, Crawford county, in the early forties, established themselves as hotel keepers and in that calling spent the remainder of their lives. It was in that locality that George Hoag was born in 1845 and resided with his parents until he had attained his majority, early adopting agriculture as his life calling. In 1891 he moved to Elk Creek township, this county, and continued to engage in farming there until his death in 1901, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife was Permelia Wells, who was born in 1833 and is still residing in Cranesville with her son, Fred E. Hoag. Her father, the late Samuel Wells, who died in 1895 at the venerable age of eighty-six years, was a man of prominence in his community. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Hoag, the four still living being as follows: Fred Eugene, of this sketch; Alexander, a farmer of Conneaut, Ohio; Jennie, who is the wife of C. Barney of Elk Creek township and the mother of three children; and Arley, wife of F. Rose, a successful farmer of that township, to whom she has borne five children.

After leaving school, Fred E. Hoag spent five years as an employe of a saw mill and then worked for a time in Titusville, as a currier and tanner. Subsequently returning to Erie county, he carried on farming with profit until 1904, when he purchased the store of D. Edwards, at

Cranesville, and has since developed a substantial business. His success has been dependent upon his ability to provide the public with the class of goods which they need and want, and upon fair and courteous treatment of customers. In 1895 Mr. Hoag married Miss Mary Myrtle Waite, born May 29, 1869, and a daughter of Amos H. and Ruth (Rhodes) Waite. Mr. and Mrs. Hoag are the parents of the following four children: Ruth Permelia, born May 16, 1897; Esther Louise, born November 28, 1898; Russell Waite, born November 4, 1900, and Kern Eugene Hoag, born October 19, 1904. Mr. Hoag is a Republican in politics, belongs to the Protected Home Circle and is identified with the Methodist church.

Mrs. Hoag's family has been established in Erie county for nearly eighty years. Horace Waite, her grandfather, was a native of New York, who came to Bean township with his family in 1830. In 1854 he removed to Elk Creek township and bought the homeship now owned and occupied by Amos H., the father of Mrs. Hoag. The grandmother (nee Mary Hilburn) was a daughter of Amos and Polly Rose Hilburn and was related to President McKinley. She died on the homestead in Elk Creek township in 1873, aged sixty-seven, her husband surviving her until 1890, when he passed away at eighty-six. Two of their offspring survive—Amos H., with another son, Lester. The two brothers live together. Amos H. Waite was born in Crawford county June 25, 1839, and remained on the old farm with his parents as long as they lived. He then assumed the management of the farm and continued to conduct it successfully. Amos H. Waite has also been of useful public service, having held the office of township commissioner for ten years and that of a member of the school board for three years. He is an earnest Prohibitionist and a member of the Knights of Pythias. In 1866 he married Miss Ruth Rhodes, born December 1, 1845, a daughter of Jeff and Mary (Crandall) Rhodes, both natives of Vermont. The latter died in 1856, aged forty-six years. Mr. Rhodes, who was a carpenter and erected many of the early buildings of the township, was a settler of 1831 and died in 1888, at the age of eighty-one. The deceased married twice, the living offspring by his first union, besides Mrs. Waite, being Jerry Rhodes, a farmer of Elk Creek township and Almira, who married L. D. Thrasher, also of that township. The second wife of Jeff Rhodes (nee Miss Sarah Crounch) bore him one child, Henry, who is now a resident of Pittsburg. After her mother's death, Mrs. Waite was adopted and reared by her husband's parents, and her marriage was therefore the result of years of acquaintance and final love. She is an active member of the Methodist church, and a lady of most useful and lovable character.

Samuel Gilchrist Sherman, the venerable citizen of Elk Creek township who is now living in peaceful retirement on his fine homestead which he first occupied in 1877, is one of the pioneer farmers and lumbermen of Erie county. He has fully earned his rest by many years of hard work, coupled with the judicious investment of his earnings and capital, and has reached his present honorable position by the achievement of a substantial success through straightforward as well as wise methods. Mr. Sherman is a Canadian, born March 2, 1838, to Carlos Sherman and wife, both natives of Connecticut. When quite young his father migrated from Connecticut to Canada, where

he engaged in the business of clearing timber lands and manufacturing lumber. The later period of his life was spent in Girard township, Erie county, where he also operated saw mills and engaged in the general lumber business until his death. In the prime of his life Carlos Sherman was an active and influential Republican. His wife (formerly Miss Lydia Walker) bore him five sons and five daughters, of whom the following, besides Samuel G., are living: Rhoda, now the widow of J. Schoenover, who resides in Illinois; Lydia N., widow of George Barnes and a resident of Conneaut, Ohio, and Wallace D. Sherman, of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

After leaving school Samuel G. Sherman assisted his father in the operation of several saw mills near Lockport, during the active era of canal navigation. The two conducted one of the first industries of the kind at that place, the son later locating at Albion and being employed in the oar factory which was operated by the firm of Andrews and Wells, the senior partner of which was his father-in-law. Mr. Sherman subsequently engaged in the lumber business himself and also dealt in timber lands, as well as engaged in farming. Although he has not been active of late years he still owns a fine homestead of one hundred and seventy-five acres, part of which is still thickly timbered. In his fraternal relations, Mr. Sherman is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In March, 1865, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served under Generals Wright and Grant until the close of the war. With the exception of these few months, Mr. Sherman has spent the active years of his maturity in Erie county. He is still living on the homestead which he established thirty-two years ago, the farm and associated dairy being conducted by his only son, Ralph N.

Mr. Sherman's wife was known in her maiden days as Desdemona Andrews, and she was born in 1844 as a daughter of Nelson H. and Sarah Jane (Tolman) Andrews, both natives of Massachusetts. Of this union were born one daughter and a son—Jennie, in 1866, who became the wife of J. Ticknor, a farmer of Cranesville, Pennsylvania, and Ralph N., born November 4, 1863, already mentioned as superintendent of the home farm and estate. The latter, after assisting his father for a period, moved to Warren, where for ten years he was engaged in the manufacture of staves. Still later, he was identified with oil refining at North Clarrington, Pennsylvania, and after eight years in that line returned to the old homestead to assume its management. The wife of Ralph N. Sherman was formerly Miss Mary Walter. She was born January 14, 1872, and is a daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Youngblood) Sherman, natives respectively of France and Germany, who died in 1878 and 1903, the father at the age of seventy-two and the mother, seventy-six. Jacob Walter emigrated to this country when a young man of twenty-five, spending the remaining years of his life in the vicinity of Warren, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Sherman has five brothers and one sister, all residing in Warren—Fred, Henry, Lewis E., Jacob, Samuel and Catherine Sherman, the last named now being the wife of Charles Johnson, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Sherman have become the parents of Jay, born in 1894, and Ruth, born in 1904.

FRED. SHERMAN POWELL. An able representative of the horticultural and floricultural interests of Erie county, Fred. S. Powell is a valued resident of Lundys Lane, where he has a well stocked nursery, containing plants, roots and bulbs of both foreign and domestic culture. He was born, February 12, 1860, on the old Powell homestead, in Wellsburg, Erie county, a son of the late Richard Powell, and grandson of James Powell, an early pioneer of this part of Erie county.

Coming to Erie county in 1835, James Powell bought a tract of wild and wooded land near Wellsburg, and began the arduous task of reclaiming a farm. Hopeful, courageous and persevering, he and his good wife endured the toils and privations of life in a new country without a murmur. He became active in town affairs, and for a number of years served as justice of the peace. He died on the old homestead October 13, 1856, aged sixty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Clotilda Salisbury, survived him many years, dying September 10, 1868, aged eighty-two years. Eleven children were born of their union, five boys and six girls, one of whom, James Powell, is still living, residing in Kingston, Missouri. One son, Squire M. Powell, M. D., was a skilful physician, and one of the most noted lecturers in the United States. He traveled extensively for sixteen years, and collected many valuable curios, among them being a cane, on the head of which is a gold nugget from San Francisco, California. This cane is now one of the prized treasures of his grandnephew, Fred S. Powell. The Doctor died in 1859, while in the prime of life.

Richard Powell was born March 22, 1827, in Randolph, Cattaraugus county, New York, and died in Wellsburg, Erie county, September 21, 1904. He continued his residence on the old homestead, which he assisted in clearing and improving, caring for his parents in their declining years. He was a skilful agriculturist, and in addition to farming was employed between planting time and harvesting in operating freight boats on the Erie canal. About 1900, he retired from active labor, and resided in Lundys Lane until his death. He was a citizen of prominence and influence, and an active member of the Republican party. He was county commissioner of Erie county three years, from 1881 to 1884. He belonged to the Methodist church, and fraternally was a charter member of Wellsburg Lodge, A. O. U. W., and of Lundys Lane Lodge No. 494 K. P.

Richard Powell married, October 14, 1852, Nancy L. Stitt, who was born, May 22, 1831, near Troy, New York, a daughter of Israel Stitt, who came to Erie county, from Pittstown, New York, with his family, in 1834, and from the dense wilderness cleared a good farm. He was born January 19, 1798, in Pittstown, and died on the Stitt homestead, in Pennsylvania, August 22, 1854. He married Sally Sherman, who was born March 30, 1804, and died January 18, 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powell three children were born, of whom Fred. S., of this sketch is the only survivor. George J., born August 28, 1857, died August 25, 1898; Alice died when but one year old.

Obtaining his early education in the district school, Fred S. Powell remained beneath the parental roof-tree until about thirty years old, assisting his father on the farm and in the dairy. Going then to Utah, he was there employed for about eight years in the nursery business. Returning then to Erie county he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for a year, after which he established his present nursery in

Lundys Lane, and in its management is meeting with success, each year increasing the size and extent of his operations. While a young man, Mr. Powell was for a little while interested in railway construction, helping to build that part of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway between Youngstown, Ohio, and Ashtabula.

On March 10, 1894, Mr. Powell married Nellie E. Stewart, who was born in Elk Creek township, December 25, 1880, a daughter of P. D. and Ocelia (Winchester) Stewart, and grand-daughter of Edward Winchester, a veteran of the Civil war, who died while confined in Libby Prison. Politically Mr. Powell is a Republican, but has never cared for public office. He is a charter member, and past chancellor commander, of Lundys Lane Lodge, No. 497, K. of P., and belongs to the Protected Home Circle. In his nursery work, Mr. Powell makes a specialty of raising prunes, an industry that he feels confident will thrive in this part of the state. He is interested in ancestral history, and has many articles of value that have been in the family for many years; in addition to owning the cane that belonged to Doctor Powell has a table formerly in the possession of his grandmother that is at least one hundred and twenty-five years old.

James L. Porter, of Platea, is an old and respected citizen, who, in his earlier life, was engaged in farming and as a railroad lineman in Erie county. Still later, he became a contractor on the Erie canal and on the pioneer railroads of this section of northwestern Pennsylvania, and now in his seventy-sixth year has been living in deserved retirement for some time. He is the last survivor of the well known Porter family of pioneers, which originally comprised four sisters and two brothers.

Mr. Porter, of this biography, was born in Erie county, February 20, 1834, and is a son of James Porter, who at an early day settled on a farm in Girard township, where James L. was born and spent much of his life. The latter married Miss Roxy Sawdy, daughter of Sidney Sawdy, his first wife dying in 1870, mother of the following: Arthur, who is deceased; Ada, who married Fred Irish, a Californian, and Hattie, now Mrs. Fay Noyes, of Geneva, Ohio. The six grandchildren are: Lynn, Bessie, Harold, Charles, Newton and Richard.

James L. Porter wedded, as his second wife, Mrs. Harriet (Irish) Sherman, born in New York state, April 11, 1835, daughter of Hiram and Miranda (Munson) Irish. Her father was one of the first settlers of Wellsburg (now Lundys Lane), this county, and was a painter during all his active life. A native of Chittenden county, Vermont, he was born in 1798 and died in 1875; while his wife passed away in 1884, aged seventy-eight years. Besides Mrs. Porter, the members of the Irish family were George N., now a resident of Detroit, Michigan; Harrison, of Ashtabula, Ohio; Mathilda, who lives in Erie; Louisa, now Mrs. E. Esterbrook, of Albion, Michigan, and Ellen, who married Andrew B. Floyd and resides at Seagerstown. The Irish family is of Scotch ancestry and its members were early settlers of Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Mrs. Porter, Steven Irish, who was a well known pioneer of Erie county, died at the age of ninety years. Mrs. Harriet Porter was, at the time of her second marriage, the widow of James P. Sherman, and by her first union had become the mother of C. C. Sherman, now a resident of Girard, Pennsylvania, a merchant of that

place, who married Miss Ella Heppler; and Belle, who is the wife of Charles Semple, of Youngstown, Ohio, and the mother of three children.

James L. Porter is a Democrat and he served as justice of the peace for ten years in the borough of Platea, being elected in 1899 and serving until May 1, 1909. He enlisted in Company F, Ninth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers at Laporte, Indiana, September 5, 1861, and served two years and four months. He was in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Stone River. He was injured while on detached duty in West Virginia, his horse falling on him. He received his honorable discharge January 16, 1863.

William Ray Messenger, a leading farmer of Girard township, is also burgess of Platea and a citizen of enterprise and high standing. Of a hardy and progressive Vermont family, he is a son of Martin M. and Caroline (Scribner) Messenger, his father having been born in the Green Mountain state, March 29, 1832. The latter came to Ashtabula, Ohio, with his parents, the boy being but five years of age. The grandfather of William R., Milo, died in 1874, at the age of seventy-four. In 1876, when a man of middle age, the father settled in Girard township, on the homestead now occupied by the son, and for the five succeeding years was engaged in the saw mill business. In 1881 he retired from active pursuits, and died March 5, 1902. He was always a stanch Republican and during the booming days of the Erie canal held the office of mayor of Platea (then Lockport). The marriage of Martin M. Messenger to Caroline Scribner occurred January 1, 1860, the latter having been born in Ashtabula, Ohio, on the 22nd of November, 1839. Mrs. Messenger was a daughter of Lorenzo S. and Electa (Hicks) Scribner and came to Erie county with her parents, from New York state, when she was but eleven years of age. The family settled on a farm near Platea. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Messenger, the brothers and sisters of William R. being as follows: H. M., who is deceased; Carrie Bell, who is married to J. Hutton, a resident of San Francisco; Conrad, who is an engineer of Conneaut, Ohio; Lillie May, also of that place; Grace, wife of D. Jewell, who lives in Scranton, Pennsylvania; Eva, now Mrs. C. Becker, of Girard, Pennsylvania; Lizzie, who married C. Wemple, and Pressley H., an engineer, all living at Conneaut.

William R., of this sketch, attended district school until he was sixteen years of age, assisting upon the home farm in Girard township until his father's death, when he took charge and possession of the homestead, upon which he has since engaged in general farming. He has been signally successful in that capacity and has evinced such capability in the management of his private affairs that his associates in the township have called him to the conduct of various public matters. At the age of twenty-one he served as councilman and has been auditor two terms, councilman of Platea three terms and burgess of the place (elected in 1909). In politics, he has ever been a stanch Republican. A thorough believer in the benefits of fraternalism, his connection with the benevolent and secret orders has been confined to Odd Fellowship and the Nickle Plate Lodge at Girard, Pennsylvania, No. 1125.

July 23, 1904, Mr. Messenger married Miss Sarah L. Cook, who was born June 4, 1876, daughter of John Wesley and Luana (Stitt) Cook, who were early and substantial settlers of Erie county. Mrs. Messenger completed her education at the age of nineteen and for some time before her marriage served as assistant matron of the Erie county alms house. The other members of the Cook family are Charles, a carpenter of Platea; Rush, who is a merchant of Keepville, Pennsylvania; Mary, now Mrs. C. Weeks, of Girard; Carl, who conducts a planing mill at Platea, and Homer, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Messenger's children are Donald Lynn, born June 19, 1905, and Earl, born May 11, 1907.

Bogart Family. Many years have come and gone since this prominent old family became identified with Erie county, and its name is ineffaceably traced on the pages of its history. Its genealogy is traced to Holland, where the name was spelled Van Bogart, and the first of the family to come to America was David Bogart, who with his wife, a Kirkendall, settled in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. In later generations appears the name of John Bogart, who was born February 29, 1801, and died in February of 1879. He married Rachel Van Studen, who died in 1856, aged fifty-four years. They had located in Elk Creek township of Erie county in 1835, and John Bogart was by trade a blacksmith.

Among the children of John and Rachel Bogart was a son William, who was born in 1832. He had but one brother, David, who is now living in Platea. William Bogart followed canal boating from the earliest days of canal transportation to the close of its popularity, operating coal boats for himself from Erie to New Castle. In 1870 he bought his present homestead farm, but he is now living retired from an active business life. He is in politics a Democrat, and he has served as a member of the school board and as a constable in Platea. He is a member of the Methodist church. In 1857 William Bogart was married to Sarah Thaw, who was born October 1, 1836, in Warren county, New York, a daughter of Samuel Thaw and a granddaughter of Joseph Thaw, who came to America in 1800, accompanied by his wife, Eliza Wydner. Samuel Thaw, born in 1808, in New Jersey, followed the tilling of the soil, and for his wife he married Eliza Van Scoten, who was born in 1808 and died on the 7th of April, 1898. Mrs. Bogart is one of their three children, her sister being Mary, the widow of William German and residing in New Jersey, and her brother is Joseph Thaw, a mill laborer in Girard township, Erie county. William and Sarah Bogart became the parents of a large family of children, but William, the first born son, is deceased; W. J., is mentioned below; Jeannette E., born in 1861, is the wife of Harry Joles, a farmer in Girard township, and they have four children, Charles, Hattie, Arthur and Florence; Mary is also deceased; Andrew, born in 1863 and a salesman in Platea, married Florence Jewell, and they have a daughter, Margaret; Charles, born in 1865, is a resident of Conneaut, Ohio; Frank, born in 1867, maintains his home in Erie; Carrie, is also mentioned below; Josephine, born November 23, 1875, is the wife of Ernest Martin, of Elk Creek township, and their two children are Leroy and Flora Louise; Hattie, born in 1881, is the wife of Jerry S. Turtchell, of Conneaut, Ohio; Leonora is deceased.

Carrie May, born January 8, 1873, is at home with her parents. After completing her education at the age of sixteen she was married to James Lawrence, a machinist. She is a member of the Methodist church.

W. J. Bogart is also at home with his parents. Following his school days he was engaged in farming from 1890 until 1909, and since then has resided at the old Bogart homestead near Platea. He too is a member of the Methodist church, and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 1141, at Platea. He upholds the principles of the Democratic party, and he is the present treasurer of the village of Platea.

Mrs. Hannah E. Haggerty, one of the well known residents of Elk Creek township, was born January 1, 1838, the daughter of B. King, during many years a farmer in Crawford county. Both he and his wife are now deceased, the former dying in 1895 at the age of seventy-eight years, and the latter (before marriage Eliza Fever), in 1895, at the age of seventy-six years. Hannah E. King was first married to Hiram Sawdy, of the old pioneer Sawdy family, the oldest settlers in Elk Creek township, and he was born February 23, 1804, and died on the 12th of January, 1891. He was a son of John and Charlotte (King) Sawdy, who came with their family from Sangerfield, New York, to Erie county, locating on what is now the old Sawdy farm in Elk Creek township, which they cleared and improved. The union of Hiram Sawdy and Hannah E. King was blessed by the birth of two sons: Bert H. Sawdy, a resident of Cranesville and an engineer for the Bessemer Railroad Company, who married May Wickham, and their two children are Willis and Fern, aged respectively twelve and nine years; George M., resident of Elk Creek township and a farmer. He has two children—Gladys and Merle.

Mrs. Sawdy married for her second husband James Haggerty, a native of Canada, and his death occurred on the 15th of April, 1909, when seventy-six years of age, from disease contracted during his services in the Civil war. He has one brother living, John W. Haggerty, an oil refiner at Bradford, Pennsylvania. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Haggerty was left with a farm, the old Sawdy homestead, but a debt of a thousand dollars, and moving to Albion she managed to pay off this indebtedness and buy property there by keeping boarders and by doing carpet weaving on the old fashioned plan. She deserves much credit for her excellent management, and she has not only made her own way to a life of affluence and comfort, but has also gained the respect and esteem of all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. She has two brothers living, George and Winfield King, the former a farmer and lumberman in Muskegon, Michigan, and the latter a resident of North East, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sawdy, the first husband of Mrs. Haggerty, was a great admirer of William Henry Harrison (Old Tippecanoe and Tyler Too) and in the Log Cabin campaign, Mr. Sawdy, with an eight horse team, hauled a log cabin from near Cranesville to Erie.

Hannibal L. Spires. Prominent among the native-born citizens of Erie county, conspicuous for their ability and worth, is Hannibal L. Spires, a wealthy and highly esteemed farmer of Elk Creek township.

He is a man of excellent qualities of head and heart, energetic and progressive, and wields a wide influence in his community, where he has long fulfilled the obligations of an intelligent, faithful citizen, and a good neighbor. He was born, October 21, 1842, in Washington township, on the homestead which his father, John Spires, now owns. His grandfather, James Spires, a cloth merchant by occupation, was a lifelong resident of County Down, Ireland, where he married a Miss Murphy.

John Spires was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1785, and from boyhood was engaged in seafaring pursuits, circumnavigating the globe in a sailing vessel when but fourteen years old. Emigrating to this country in early life, he located first in Canada, then in Meadville, Pennsylvania, from there going to Erie, where for many years he was captain of a steamboat on Lake Erie. During the War of 1812, he commanded one of the vessels belonging to Commodore Perry's fleet, and at the dinner, which in these days would be called banquet, given by the ladies of Erie in commemoration of the great victory, his wife was an active participant. Giving up sea life, Captain Spires located in or near Edinboro, where he kept general store, which he subsequently traded for the present homestead property in Elk Creek township. He carried on farming successfully for several years, at the same time operating a grist mill at Lundys Lane. Retiring from active pursuits, he moved to Erie, and there resided until his death, in 1878, at the venerable age of ninety-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Morrison, died in 1883, aged eighty-eight years. Of the children born of their union, four, James, Margaret, John and Susan have passed to the life beyond, and two besides Hannibal L. are living, namely: Anna, wife of Thomas Spires, of Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and Mary Jane, widow of the late Captain P. Grace, of whom a brief biographical sketch may be found on another page of this volume.

Hannibal L. Spires received good educational advantages, attending school until nineteen years of age, during vacations being initiated into the mysteries of agriculture. Succeeding to the ownership of the homestead in Elk Creek township, located near Wellsburg, he has since been profitably employed in general farming, paying especial attention to the breeding and raising of graded stock, in which he takes much pleasure, being especially proud of his fine racing horse "Masker," which is widely known in trotting circles. By good management and wise investment, Mr. Spires has acquired considerable wealth, and, in addition to owning the farm he occupies, has other property of value.

Mr. Spires married, June 26, 1862, Sarah Bryan, who was born in 1845, in Ireland, a daughter of John C. Bryan, and she came with her brother John C. when a girl to Erie. She died in 1897. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spires, namely: James, who married Clara Garlock, has two children, Clarence and Raymond; Anna M., deceased; and Hannibal J. C., a farmer and stockman in Kearsarge, Pennsylvania, married Alta Anderson, and they are the parents of three children, Annabelle, and Eugene and Emogene, twins. Religiously Mr. Spires is a consistent member of the Methodist church at Lundys Lane. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and has held many public offices, accepting

them, not because he aspired to public honors, but that he might be of service to his fellow-townsmen and his party, in each position proving himself worthy of the confidence bestowed upon him by his constituents.

Hon. Samuel A. Davenport. Standing prominent among the leading attorneys and the more influential citizens of Erie, is the Hon. Samuel A. Davenport, who has won distinction in his profession, and an honored name in business circles. A man of marked ability, indefatigable energy, and strong individuality, possessing rare discrimination and a far-seeing judgment, he has rendered invaluable aid in promoting and advancing the industrial growth and prosperity of the city, lending his influence toward the establishment of many of the leading manufacturing enterprises of this part of the county. A son of William Davenport, he was born, January 15, 1834, in Tompkins county, New York, near the head of Seneca Lake.

A native of Connecticut, William Davenport came from pure Puritan stock, having been a direct descendant of that distinguished Puritan divine, John Davenport, the first preacher of New Haven, Connecticut. Brought up in New Haven, the city of his birth, he had a natural love for the sea, and from the age of nine years was a sailor. At the beginning of the war of 1812, the merchantman on which he was employed was captured, and he was confined as a prisoner until exchanged. He subsequently enlisted, and served until the close of the conflict. Desirous then of settling on land, he bought a farm in Tompkins county, New York, a part of which is now included within the bounds of that beautiful summer resort known as Watkin's Glen. Coming to Erie county, in 1835, he bought land in Harbor Creek township, and here lived with his family about four years. Removing to the city of Erie in 1839, he was captain of one or another of the Reed line of steamers for a number of years. Retiring from active pursuits in 1859, he was a resident of Erie until his death, in June, 1865. He married Phylance Tracy, who was born in Vermont, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and died, in May, 1880, in Erie.

A young lad when he came with his parents to Erie, Samuel A. Davenport attended the public schools and the Erie Academy, after which he read law with the late Judge Galbraith, and was admitted to the Erie bar in 1854. Subsequently he graduated from the Harvard University Law School, and immediately began the practice of his profession in Erie. Meeting with success from the first, Mr. Davenport served one term as district attorney. Forming a legal partnership with George P. Griffith in 1871, he was head of the law firm of Davenport & Griffith for a score of years, but since 1891 has practiced alone.

A stanch and uncompromising Republican, Mr. Davenport has been very active in political circles, and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888, and delegate-at-large from Pennsylvania to the National Convention held in Minneapolis in 1892. In 1896 he was elected Congressman-at-large from this state, and was re-elected in 1898. Aside from his eminent career as a lawyer and a politician, Mr. Davenport has greatly aided the upbuilding of the city by his investments in a number of important beneficial enterprises, of which he has been a leading promoter. As a member of the old firm of Stearns, Clark & Co., he was one of the founders of the Burdett

Organ Company; of the Erie Car Works; of the Erie Boot and Shoe Factory; of the Keystone Boot and Shoe Factory; and of the Derrick & Felgemaker Pipe Organ Company. Mr. Davenport, in 1865, became owner of the *Gazette,* that had since 1820 been the leading newspaper in this corner of the state, and under his direction it continued to be an influential journal until it was sold in 1890 and consolidated with the *Dispatch.*

On December 30, 1862, Mr. Davenport married Kate, eldest daughter of the late Hon. John H. Walker, a prominent lawyer of Erie, who served as president of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention in 1873.

Henry West Buchanan. Noteworthy among the many enterprising, progressive and prosperous citizens of Erie county is Henry West Buchanan, who is intimately associated with one of the substantial industries of Albion, where he is foreman of the boiler works in the Bessemer railway shops. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born January 12, 1872, in Greenville.

The grandfather of Henry W. Buchanan was born in County Sligo, Ireland, in 1824; accompanied his parents (John and Elizabeth Alen Buchanan) to Mono, Simcoe county, Canada West, in 1831; in 1879 he moved to Forest Farm, Assa., Canada, where he died in 1906. In 1846 he married Sarah Reid, who was born at Mono, Simcoe county, in 1828, and died there August 12, 1860. She was of Irish parentage. In 1861 he married Euphemia Reed, widow of Lawrence Reid, at Mono.

William James Buchanan, son of the above and father of Henry W., was born in Mono, Simcoe county, Canada West, November 28, 1847; was a farmer and came to Erie, May, 1866, moving to Greenville, June 22, 1871, where he entered the service of the Shenango & Allegheny Railroad (Bessemer) as blacksmith. He became a carpenter in the same service in the spring of 1875, a year later was appointed foreman, in 1891 became general foreman of car repairs, in 1900 assistant master car builder, and in 1904 master car builder, finally retiring August 31, 1907. He married, in Erie county, October 27, 1870, Helena A. West, who was born at Barry, Pike county, Illinois, April 11, 1844, and moved to Erie, January 22, 1863. Her father, Thomas J. West, was born in New Hampshire, April 17, 1804, moved to Erie county and lived there twenty years, then moved to Pike county, Illinois, in 1840, and went west to Drytown, California, in 1853, where he died December 23, of the same year. Thomas J. West married Mary M. Hayes at Beaver Dam, Erie county, April 9, 1824. She was born at Marcellus, New York, May 15, 1804, and died in Pike county, Illinois, August 3, 1846.

Henry W. Buchanan was the oldest of a family of three children, the others being John Jefferson Buchanan, of Albion, of whom a short sketch appears elsewhere in this work, and Cora, wife of Alva E. Hornbeck, of Greenville, a train dispatcher. Until thirteen years of age he attended the public schools, during the long vacations working in the rolling mills. At the age of fifteen years he secured employment in the Bessemer railway shops as helper, and continued as such until 1901. Coming then to Albion, Mr. Buchanan entered the boiler works, and in 1907 was promoted to his present position as

foreman of this department, and has since performed the duties devolving upon him in this capacity with intelligence, ability and fidelity.

Mr. Buchanan married, in 1900, Josephine Kelley, who was born April 21, 1874, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Murphy) Kelley, the former of whom died in 1898, aged sixty-four years, while the latter is still living, a bright and active woman of seventy-four years. Mrs. Buchanan's maternal grandfather, William Murphy, went from Ireland to Australia to look after the estate of a brother, and was never again heard from. Mrs. Buchanan has two brothers and two sisters, namely: Thomas Kelley, of Barnesburg, Pennsylvania; Frank, a bridge builder, of Cleveland, Ohio; Sarah, wife of C. Cook, of Lima, Ohio; and Martha, living with her mother. Fraternally, Mr. Buchanan is a charter member of Paul Revere Lodge, No. 103, K. of P., in which he has passed all the chairs, and is now master of finance and keeper of records and seals; is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and of Greenville Camp, M. W. A., of which he is past president, and is a charter member of Albion Camp. He is a charter member of the B. M. & I. Ship Builders Union of Greenville; also a charter member of the Moose of Erie. In August, 1909, he was appointed deputy grand chancellor of the district of Erie county. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and has served as a member of the election board of Albion.

John J. Buchanan. Energetic and progressive and possessing marked business qualifications, John Jefferson Buchanan of Albion, Erie county, is well known for his connection with the Bessemer railway shops, being at the present time superintendent of the car repair department of that great plant. A son of William James Buchanan, he was born January 12, 1875, at Greenville, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and is a brother of Henry W. Buchanan, in whose sketch, published elsewhere in this volume, will be found the ancestral history of the family.

Obtaining his elementary education in the district schools, John J. subsequently attended the Bell Valley school for two years. From 1887 to 1890 he was employed as a clerk in his father's store in Greenville, after which he worked as a blacksmith in the Bessemer shops at Shenango, Pennsylvania. Locating then in Camden, Allegheny county, Mr. Buchanan opened a store, but having no liking for mercantile pursuits he returned to the Bessemer works at Shenango. In 1893 he went to northern Michigan, where for four years he was foreman in the Reed Manufacturing Company's plant. Coming to Albion, in 1898, he assumed a position as foreman in the car department of the Bessemer railway shops, and for some time has had full and successful charge of the car repair department. Politically, he is an earnest Republican and, fraternally, a charter member of Albion Lodge, No. 103, Knights of Pythias, of which he is first past chancellor; of Albion Lodge, No. 376, I. O. O. F., and Encampment No. 178. He is firm in the religious faith of the Methodist church, in which he is an active worker.

On November 25, 1899, Mr. Buchanan married Miss Lizzie May Mosher, who was born in Elk Creek township, Erie county, January 13, 1872. Her father, Amos P. Mosher, was born in Platea, Erie county, March 20, 1849, and was, in turn, the son of John and Emily

(Sherwood) Mosher. The grandfather, who was a native of Somerset, England, was a carriage maker who settled at Platea fifty years ago, and died there in 1876, aged sixty-two years. The grandmother survived him twenty years, her decease occurring in 1896 at the age of seventy-two. William Sherwood, the maternal grandfather, was also an Englishman. After finishing his schooling at Platea, Amos Mosher followed his trade as a carpenter at that place until he became a resident of Albion in 1880. His wife (nee Maria Wicks) was born in New York state January 13, 1852, and is the daughter of Samuel and Gertrude (Simmons) Wicks. The four children of their union were Lizzie, Mrs. J. J. Buchanan; Earnest John, a car inspector at Albion; Elsie, who married N. Spaulding, of Conneaut, Ohio; and Elmer, who is employed as a railway clerk at Conneaut. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, two of whom died in infancy and one is living, viz.: Oscar William, born October 18, 1903.

L. L. Pomeroy. The Pomeroy family is one of the oldest in Erie county, its earliest efforts in this section of Pennsylvania being identified with the pioneer development of Conneaut township. Its genealogy is interwoven with the Revolutionary struggle for independence. Medad Pomeroy, grandfather of L. L., was a soldier in the war which gave us our liberty, was wounded seven times, and participated in three general engagements and five or six skirmishes. He was half-brother to Major-General Seth Pomeroy of Revolutionary fame; also half-brother of Captain Phebus Pomeroy of this same service. Concerning this patriot, L. L. Pomeroy says: "He lived at my father's and being blind it devolved on me, being a small lad, to lead him, and I was amply paid by Revolutionary reminiscences, which he would reel off to me at great length. The Revolutionary war which gave the United States its independence, began over one hundred and thirty-three years ago and yet I heard the story of it from one of the participants and those of his descendants have an ancestry of which to feel proud. We have inherited a citizenship in this Nation sealed with blood and sacred as the dust of heroic martyrs. Our grandfather won it for us at Germantown, York, Stony Point, etc., barefooted and bleeding. His bones lie with three others of the old Revolutioners in a little cemetery one mile west of Albion, Erie county. Grandfather married Miss Elizabeth, a daughter of Hugh Morrell, a merchant of Boston, Massachusetts."

In 1815 Grandfather Pomeroy sold his farm in Ashford, Massachusetts, and loaded his family and goods into a wagon, drawn by a horse and a yoke of oxen, and settled in Conneaut township on what came to be known as the old Pomeroy homestead. He commenced the clearing of the land, which was continued by his sons as they increased in years and capabilities, until the homestead became not only valuable as productive land, but a pleasure to the eye. The son John (father of L. L.), who was born at Ashford, Massachusetts, on the 23d of March, 1800, became a thrifty farmer on the old place, and a citizen widely known and always respected. He was appointed postmaster at Pomeroy Corners, the settlement named in honor of the grandfather, and served at different times as constable and in other township offices. He also took much interest in military mat-

ters and was captain of the county militia, a unit of the state troops. He died in 1874. The deceased married Miss Mary Randall, born in Conneaut township, September 6, 1806, daughter of John and Lydia (Odell) Randall, who died in 1882. The only surviving offspring of this union is Lovrayn L. Pomeroy, of this sketch, who was born in Conneaut township December 2, 1835.

After obtaining a district school education and spending several terms at the West Springfield and Albion academies, Mr. Pomeroy occupied himself until he was twenty-two years of age as a farm worker on the paternal place. He then engaged as a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio road for a about a year, returned to the old homestead and was identified with its agricultural affairs for nearly a quarter of a century, and in 1881 located at Girard and established a grocery business in the northern part of town. Three years afterward he engaged in the monument business, which he has pursued for the past twenty years. Mr. Pomeroy has become specially prominent in Odd Fellow circles. He has passed all the chairs of his lodge and is now chief patriarch of the Girard Encampment, besides being an active member of Lodge No. 265 of the Rebekahs. His life-long Democracy has been confined to the casting of his ballot, and he has never been tempted to become active in politics.

In 1858 Mr. Pomeroy married Miss Evelina Nimes, born in Washington county, New York, daughter of James and Currence (Winegar) Nimes, who both died in 1898, at the respective ages of eighty-three and seventy-nine years. The paternal grandparents were Ira and Fanny (Wallace) Nimes, and the maternal, Chester and Margaret (Offensend) Winegar, the latter being a native of Switzerland. Mrs. Pomeroy has a brother living at Dorset, Ohio, her other brother losing his life at the battle of Gettysburg. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy: Hattie, who is deceased; Harry M., a Toledo printer who married Miss Carry Rickard and is the father of Bruce, Kenneth and Eunice; and John, a printer residing in Cleveland, who is married to Marie Hotchkiss and is the father of M. John and Laurence.

Jesse Earl Swalley, the prosperous young farmer of Girard township, is the adopted son of the late John and Mary J. (Osborne) Swalley, and one of the greatest pleasures of his life is to gratefully acknowledge his deep gratitude to his foster parents for the care and benefits with which they surrounded him. He was born at Mayville, Ohio, May 16, 1885, and was adopted when six years of age. John Swalley, his worthy foster father, was one of the best farmers and business men, kindest and most public-spirited citizens and truest Christians who ever contributed to the progress of Girard township. He was a native of Mill Creek township, born September 8, 1836, son of Christian and Catherine Swalley, being the sixth in a family of eight sons and one daughter. He became successful both in the worldly and the higher sense, having always a kind word and an extended and open hand for all, especially those who were in trouble and needed help. He was an old and honored Mason, the members of his lodge at Girard expressing the keenest grief at his death, April 22, 1899, his funeral services being conducted with the fraternal and

impressive rites of the order. The wife and beloved foster mother passed away January 5, 1907.

Jesse Earl Swalley attended school until he was fifteen years of age and then devoted himself to the cultivation of the home farm, which, at the death of his foster parents, he inherited. The homestead comprises one hundred and thirty-five acres, and includes a large and striking brick residence and the most thorough agricultural improvements. Mr. Swalley spent 1904-6 in California, but with that exception has continuously contributed to the productiveness and improvements of this fine country place. He is an active member of the State Police, Camp No. 73, and Platea Lodge, No. 1141, I. O. O. F.

On January 29, 1907, Mr. Swalley married Miss Mary Kreider, born in Springfield township, May 11, 1888, daughter of William and Iva (Washburn) Kreider. Mr. Kreider is an active farmer of Fairview township, his family being originally from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kreider's father, Seymour Washburn, was one of the pioneer farmers of McKean township. Mrs. Swalley has three living brothers and one sister, as follows: Ralph, a business manager in Erie; James, a farmer of Fairview township; Kenneth, living on the home farm in that township; and Lydia, now the wife of Harley Leopold, also a Fairview township agriculturist. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Swalley: Iola Mae on the 1st of March, 1908.

William B. McClelland. The McClelland homestead of two hundred and forty acres in Girard township is one of the largest and oldest in Erie county, being founded by William McClelland, grandfather of William B., who as an orphan of seven years came to the United States with his brother, Samuel, and settled in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Early in the last century, then young men, the brothers moved to Girard township, were among the first settlers in that section of Erie county, and cleared the land which has served as the family homestead for three generations. William and Samuel McClelland took up eight hundred acres of land altogether, which they worked and improved as partners for fifteen years. They then divided their property, William retaining the original tract which has become the homestead of his descendants; of these survive only William B., now in possession, and his brother, Alexander James McClelland, also a resident of Girard.

Alexander McClelland, the father, was born on the family homestead, and knew no other home, dying in 1871 at the age of thirty-eight years. He was a good man and a fine citizen, his chief official service for Girard township being as assessor, in which office he was retained for many years. He married Mary Barker, daughter of Hiram and Jane (McClelland) Barker, and the honored widow is still living with her son on the old place. The Barkers were an old Connecticut family, Philo, the grandfather of Mrs. Alexander McClelland, accompanying other members of the family to the northeastern part of Erie county, this being in his early boyhood. In 1819 he located in the southwestern part of Fairview township, where he was a farmer until his death in 1845. He was the father of seven children, of whom Hiram, the father of Mrs. McClelland, was the third

in order of birth. The latter lived with his parents until they died; in 1852 moved to Girard township, continued there his life as a farmer and died in 1861. His wife's decease followed, and both are buried in Girard cemetery, where they rest after lives of Christian usefulness. They were the parents of five children, Mary being their oldest daughter and second born.

William Burt McClelland was born on the old homestead October 6, 1869, and there he has lived ever since. Like his father he has spent all the years of his maturity as a farmer and has added his labors and improvements to those which have gone before, the grand result being seen in one of the most desirable country estates in Erie county. Mr. McClelland is an active member of Girard Lodge, No. 1125, I. O. O. F., and is a Republican, without political aspirations. He was married in 1898 to Miss Elizabeth Hess, born in Germany May 26, 1879, and daughter of Henry and Martha (Langeman) Hess, both also natives of the fatherland. Her parents came to America in 1883, settling in Mill Creek township, this county, where they both passed the remaining years of their well spent lives, the father dying in 1894 and the mother in 1886. After the death of her parents, Mrs. McClelland, with a brother and sister, was reared, up to the time of her marriage, by Mrs. John Moore. Besides Mrs. McClelland, the surviving members of the Hess family are: Sophia, who resides in Cleveland; Eliza, Mrs. William Taylor, whose husband is a farmer of Fairview township, this county; Augusta, who married William Kidder, a painter of that township; Anna, who lives at Arona, Pennsylvania; and John, also farming in Fairview township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. William B. McClelland are Mildred, nine years of age; Elmer, seven years old; Ralph, five years, and Harley, two.

Frederick Heil, a prosperous tanner and farmer occupying a valuable homestead in the picturesque Elk Creek district of Girard township, is of a substantial German family and was born at Quackenbruck, Hanover, on the 12th of January, 1865. He is a son of Johan J. and Fredericka (Imwalde) Heil, and his father is still living at the old Hanoverian home, aged eighty-seven and a shoemaker by trade. His mother, who died in 1884 at fifty-two, was the daughter of H. Imwalde, Napoleon's paymaster during the historic siege of Moscow. Besides Frederick, the surviving offspring of this couple are: Herman, a machinist at Cincinnati, Ohio; August, who is superintendent of a German railway; Johanna, who became the wife of Henry Sydow, of Girard; Louisa, Mrs. Corovolin, whose husband is a wine merchant of France; and Mary, wife of Joseph Errant, whose husband is an officer in the French army, their home being at Leon.

In his early youth Frederick learned the tanner's trade in Germany, following that vocation until he was eighteen and then joining the army. In 1884, after remaining in the military service for a year, he emigrated to the United States, arriving in New York on September 11th of that year. He was variously employed in the city until 1886, when he enlisted in the United States army, serving six months on Davis island and then, until 1891, at Madison Barracks with the Twelfth Infantry. At his honorable discharge, the young man of twenty-six located in Cincinnati, where he followed his trade as a tanner until 1899, subsequently settling in Buffalo and (1902) in

Girard township. When he made his last move, however, he did not resume his trade alone, but bought his present homestead and resorted also to general farming. For a number of years past Mr. Heil has also become deeply interested in Christian Science and is now serving as the first reader of the local church. His wife is also a firm and ardent member of that faith.

Mr. Heil married, in 1889, at Bismarck, North Dakota, Miss Louisa Sydow, who was born in Germany in 1871, daughter of Louis and Gertrude Sydow, who emigrated to the United States in 1884 and settled in Girard township, where her father is living; the mother is deceased. Besides Mrs. Heil, were born to them: Rev. Albert Sydow, connected with the missionary work of the M. E. church; Henry and William, farmers of Girard township; Anna, who married Ray Stuart, of Girard, and Emma, now Mrs. H. Gottfried, a resident of Conneaut, Ohio.

Chancy Haven is a pioneer carpenter and farmer and a widely known citizen of Girard township, who comes from an old Massachusetts family. His grandparents, John and Mary (Death) Haven, were natives of the Old Bay state, as was his father—Chancy Haven, born in Worcester county, February 24, 1800. The father was a farmer of vigorous middle age when he located in Erie county and moved into the crude log house which now stands at the rear of the modern residence occupied by his son, the present proprietor of the homestead. The latter was eight years of age when the family homestead was changed from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania and, as the years passed, performed his full share of the labor involved in clearing the land of timber and preparing it for crops. In 1850, after this migration, the mother died. Known before her marriage as Urania Thompson, she had been born in Swanzey, New Hampshire, in 1803, and was the daughter of Jesse Thompson, a carpenter of that place, and his wife, Urania (Aldridge) Thompson. Four children were born to Chancy Haven, Sr., and his wife Urania, of whom two are living—Cassius M., a resident of Erie, and Chancy, of this sketch. The father of the family died in 1880.

Mr. Haven is a native of Worcester county, Massachusetts, born September 20, 1832, and at the age of nineteen, after he had finished his schooling, he applied himself to the carpenter's trade and followed it continuously for twenty years. Many marks of his skillful and honest workmanship are still scattered through this section of the county. At the death of his father-in-law, I. G. Pattison, he assumed the management of the old home farm, of which he is now the owner, and cultivated it with activity and profit for many years, but has been retired for some time. Mr. Haven commenced to cast his first ballots during the formative period of the Republican party, and his faith in the comparative wisdom of its policies and the integrity of its motives has never wavered. In the earlier years he was quite active in politics, holding the office of constable during the Civil war. and having since served for six years as road commissioner as well as in other township positions.

In 1855 Mr. Haven married Miss Sallie A. Pattison, born in Hanover, New York, daughter of John G. and Betsy (Perry) Pattison. The former located in Girard township in 1832, his place being

in the vicinity of the old Denman Thompson place. Her mother died in 1871, at the age of sixty-eight years, and her father, in 1895, aged ninety-two. Robert Pattison, the paternal grandfather, who married Thankful Stuart, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and Samuel Perry, the maternal grandfather, was a paymaster in the war of 1812 and a cousin of Commodore Perry. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Haven were as follows: John, who is now deceased; Elmer E., who, when last heard from sixteen years ago, was a timekeeper in a western mine; Frank, who is a foreman at Conneaut, Ohio, and by his marriage to Miss Addie Jennings is the father of a son, Clyde (Mr. Haven's only grandchild); and Emily, who married John E. McNutt, who holds a clerkship with the Bessemer railway at Wellsburg, Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Kiefer, a well known engineer connected with the Bessemer Railway, is a native of Mercer county, born on the 23d of August, 1862. Mr. Kiefer has been in the railroad business since he was sixteen years of age, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Company. In 1889 he was promoted from the position of fireman to that of engineer on the same road, and after being thus engaged until 1901 was appointed an engineer on the Bessemer Railway. He is an active and respected member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of Erie and, outside of this co-operative organization of his co-workers, is identified with the Protected Home Circle and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Erie Lodge, No. 299 and Lake Erie Encampment, No. 73. Both he and his wife are closely associated with the work of the Presbyterian church.

The father, George Washington Kiefer, is an old and well known resident of Mercer county. He is the father of the following children, besides Charles F.: Mollie, who resides in Youngstown, Ohio; Nannie, Mrs. H. Pauley, who married a farmer of Mercer county, Pennsylvania; Emma, who is a trained nurse in one of the Cleveland hospitals; Harry, who is a Wyoming ranchman; and Joseph, a carpenter of Youngstown. His wife, who was a widow at the time of her marriage to the elder Mr. Kiefer, had the following children: Samuel, who is a contractor at Youngstown, Ohio; Hannah, who married William Diefendorfer, a carpenter of that place; and Betsey, now Mrs. J. Jones, who resides in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Kiefer have become the parents of the following: Bessie, who was born in 1890, graduated from the Erie high school and is living at home; and Hazel and Agnes, born in 1892 and 1897, respectively, and also residing with their parents.

Willis Owen Keep, of Albion, a well known farmer and conductor on the Bessemer Railroad, represents a fine family of pioneers which was among the first to become planted in Erie county. His great-grandfather, Marsena Keep Sr., was born at Longmeadow, Massachusetts, March 25, 1769, and in 1797 came with his brother to the future site of Keepville, Conneaut township. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 and died at the town, of which he was one of the founders, in 1851. The senior Marsena Keep married Miss Mary Randall, who was born in 1780 and died at Keepville in 1835. The son, Marsena Keep Jr., was a native of New York, and when one year old was

brought by his parents to Erie county. He married Miss Polly Hewett and died in 1876. The deceased was one of the chief founders of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Keepville, being both an active worker and a generous donor. He presented the society with ground for the site of its house of worship and also actively assisted in its building by hard work and large subscriptions. Prosper Keep, the father, was born in Keepville, April 21, 1829, and married, on April 17, 1851, Mary C., daughter of William Harrington. He died on the 16th of March, 1895. Prosper Keep was an agriculturist during the farming season, and otherwise spent much of his time, for many years, in operating two canal boats between Erie and Pittsburg. It is said that his wife was often his assistant in his transportation business by energetically driving the mules along the tow path. Besides Willis O., the living children of Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Keep are as follows: Clara, who is the wife of Dr. J. D. Little; Marshall, a dentist residing at Bellefontaine, Ohio; and Glen W., a salesman, also of that place.

Willis O. Keep was born on the old homestead at Keepville, on the 19th of December, 1866, being educated in the vicinity of his home until he was sixteen and during the following two years attended school at Albion. He was then employed at the old Tracy mills for about two years, after which he learned telegraphy at Springfield. His next move was to Cherry Hill, Conneaut township, where he was employed in a sawmill for a year. Then he traded a yoke of oxen for a small farm in the township, and, in connection therewith, operated a sawmill and a well driller. During the building of the Bessemer railroad he also carried out several contracts for furnishing ties, and at the same time learned the trade of blacksmithing. In 1903 he became a brakeman for the Bessemer road and in 1907 was promoted to his present position as conductor. Mr. Keep is popular with the railroad men, being an active member of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, at Albion, and having served for many terms as committeeman for his district.

On July 21, 1888, Mr. Keep was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. McArthur, and the seven children born to them have been as follows: Ethel W., 1889; Pliny M., 1891; Cleora Sally, 1893; Andrew M., 1897; Milton H., 1901; Marshall, 1904; and Adella L., 1907. Mrs. Keep is the daughter of Andrew and Sally (Thompson) McArthur and the youngest of their seven children. Her father located in Conneaut township in 1879 and spent the active period of his life there as a farmer and a veterinary surgeon, the last few years prior to his death in 1904 being passed in total blindness. He was also postmaster of Westford for some time and a Democrat of local influence. The McArthur family is among the oldest Irish families of which there are well authenticated records, the McArthur genealogy going back to the year 560. The spelling of the name was Gaelic until 950, when it assumed its present English form. Donal McArthur, who died in 1680, was the owner of Blarney Castle and the lakes of Killarney. About 1798 four brothers emigrated from Ireland to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, the eldest, John, being the grandfather of Mrs. Keep. He settled on land which became known as the old McArthur homestead, and at the age of thirty married Miss Abigail Allen, daughter of Stephen Allen, who came to Crawford county from

Scotland as one of its pioneers. Mrs. Keep may therefore take pride in the fact that she has some of the best blood of Ireland and Scotland in her veins.

Dr. Pliry M. Marshall, of Albion, is one of the younger class of physicians who has a good practice, a substantial professional reputation and the best of family connections. His great-grandparents, Nathaniel and Ellen Marshall, were from England and came to northern Pennsylvania during a period when the Indians were still virtually undisturbed in that section of the country. The doctor's grandparents were Joseph and Camilla (Bursen) Marshall, the former of whom was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1803, and died in Erie county January 19, 1890. His wife, who was a native of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Hufty) Bursen, and died in 1896.

Dr. Marshall is a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, born June 21, 1877, and is a son of Lewis B. Marshall, who is the father of six other sons and a daughter. Three of the former are physicians, one is a dentist, one a veterinary surgeon and there is a likelihood that there may be another accession to the medical profession in the younger son. Jefferson Marshall, the eldest, is a contractor at Niles, Ohio; Dr. George M. is a dentist at Ansonia, that state; Dr. William J. is at Custard, Pennsylvania; Dr. Loyd H. resides at Con neautville, Pennsylvania; Milton M., the veterinary surgeon, lives at East Palestine, Ohio; Louis I. is with his parents, and Bessie is the wife of J. Williams, a resident of Jamestown, Pennsylvania.

Pliry Marshall obtained a district school education, after which he spent two years at McElwain Institute, New Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and later attended college at Grove City, that state. Five terms of school teaching followed and he than engaged in the sale of medical supplies. The latter occupation added to his deep interest in medical and surgical subjects and he finally was matriculated in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, whence he graduated with his professional degree in 1907. He commenced practice as an assistant to his brother at Custard, Pennsylvania, and this work was followed by a similar valuable experience with Dr. W. W. Shaeffer, at Utica, that state. In 1908 he located at Albion, and the result of his practice there has been to place him among the leading physicians and surgeons of the district. The doctor is a member of the State Eclectic Medical Society, and was elected to represent the class of 1907 as an international delegate to the convention which met at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is also medical examiner for Moose Lodge, No. 66, of Erie, at Albion; the Brotherhood of Trainmen at that place, and the Fidelity Insurance Company of Saginaw, Michigan. In his private relations with the fraternities, he is a charter member of the Moose Lodge mentioned; the P. H. C., No. 291, of New Lebanon (also examiner); member of Paul Revere Lodge, No. 103, Knights of Pythias; Cochranton (Pennsylvania) Lodge No. 902, and Olympia Encampment, No. 82, of Meadville (Pennsylvania), I. O. O. F., and the Rebekahs, No. 162, at Albion. Dr. Marshall is also a member of the Eclectic Philomathean Medical Fraternity of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Beach Seeley Sherman, the veteran of the Civil war and retired business man of Springfield township, Erie county, is an honored citizen whose record, with that of his father, is inseparably connected with the founding and development of the milling and lumbering industries of that portion of the state. Beach S. was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, October 30, 1844, and is a son of Jay Sherman, who came from that state in 1846 and settled in Springfield township, where for the remainder of his life he engaged in some form of lumbering or milling. He built the first grist mill run by water power and also erected sawmills at what is now called Cherry Hills. The elder Mr. Sherman constructed all the covered wagon bridges on the old creek. His main business for nearly forty years, however, was the operation of his grist and saw mills at Cherry Hill, from which he did not retire until 1886. The death of Jay Sherman occurred in 1892, at the age of eighty-two years, and in his decease passed away one of the most forceful pioneers of the county. His wife, who also died in 1892, at the age of eighty-two, was Sally, the daughter of Truman H. and Eunice (Hubbell) Seeley. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sherman, besides Beach S., were as follows: George J., now deceased; Sarah, who is the widow of Hosea Campbell; Mary Jane, also deceased; Caroline, who is the widow of M. Van Slyke; Laura, deceased; and Julia, now Mrs. Bemis, whose husband is a farmer of Conneaut, Ohio.

The maternal (Hubbell) genealogy of the Sherman family is traced in the Norman records to the years 865 and 867, when the name occurs in the annals of Denmark. Members of the Hubbell family emigrated from that country to England in 1000 A. D., before the invasion of William the Conqueror. Richard Hubbell, the American progenitor, was a native of England; emigrated to Massachusetts in 1647 and married, successively, Elizabeth Megs, Elizabeth Wilson and Temperance Preston. The fourth child and oldest son of the third marriage was Samuel Hubbell, and the descent to Rhoda Hubbell, the maternal grandmother is through Stephen, Hezekiah and Stephen. Josiah Beach Sherman married the Rhoda Hubbell mentioned, thus uniting the two families.

Beach S. Sherman, of this sketch, has lived in Springfield township since he was two years of age. At the age of eighteen, after he had finished his district schooling, he enlisted in Company I, Ohio battery of light artillery, for a three years' service in the Civil war. Joining the service January 4, 1864, he was sent to New Orleans to take part in the Red river expedition under General Banks. His first experience under fire was a startling one. While stationed at Ship Island he was awakened one night by a shell which passed through the roof of his barracks carrying away a large portion of it from over his head. The young soldier was taken sick and sent to the hospital, but was so eager to get into action that he escaped and rejoined his company on the Red river. At the conclusion of the campaign under General Banks he returned to Ship Island and after being assigned to guard duty for a time, was transported up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to the north, being mustered out of the service August 9, 1865.

At the conclusion of his military service Mr. Sherman located at Kingsville, Ohio, but after remaining there for a year engaged in

the oil business at Titusville, Pennsylvania. In 1870 he moved to Warren county and engaged in the milling business and various lumbering enterprises, all the years of his active business life until 1903 being devoted to these industrial fields. At one time he was foreman for the vast lumber interests of the Brooks Company, going to Virginia in the furtherance of their business and (during that period) leaving his family at Edinboro. In 1904 he purchased property adjoining the old Sherman mill, and this is now the family homestead.

It may be added that Mr. Sherman married Miss May Lobdell, who was born February 4, 1851, at Jamestown, New York, and is a daughter of George and Henrietta (Pierce) Lobdell. Mrs. Sherman's father, who was a farmer and a baker, died in 1874, aged sixty-two, while her mother (daughter of A. Whitehall and Lucy Pierce) passed away in 1887, sixty-seven years old. Grandfather Thomas Lobdell was a native of Vermont and a tailor by trade. In further explanation of the family connections, it may be added that Mrs. Sherman has one brother living—Jefferson, who is a farmer of Garland, Pennsylvania—and a sister, Martha, now the wife of Benjamin J. Mason. By her marriage to Mr. Sherman she has become the mother of Blanche, who was born July 13, 1884, and is now clerking in an Albion store; and Jay B., born June 8, 1888. Mr. Sherman is independent in politics.

Daniel Austin Waters, who died at Conneaut, Ohio, on the 8th of May, 1908, in his seventy-ninth year, left on earth the record of a useful, successful and honorable life. The most notable evidence of his industry, determination and ability, as well as his faithfulness and affection as a husband and father, was the valuable and beautiful homestead of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Conneaut township, this county, which he had taken as a wilderness tract and transformed into a modern and luxurious country place. Born in Lawrence, New York, on the 25th of September, 1829, Mr. Waters was the son of Daniel and Hulda (Cross) Waters. The father, who was a son of Connecticut, traveled from his native state to what is now Conneaut township in 1837, built a log house on the present homestead and after spending nearly thirty years in clearing and cultivating portions of his wooded land died in January, 1866, at seventy years of age. His wife, who was born April 6, 1792, followed him April 12, 1881. Daniel Waters was an active worker in the Methodist church and a religious, as well as an agricultural pioneer. When he first came into the country it was a roadless and almost a trackless wilderness, there being only a footpath from that section of Erie county to Meadville, Pennsylvania. His father (grandfather of Daniel A.) was also a hewer of civilization from that wilderness country, being the builder of the first sawmill in this part of Erie county. His life was shortened by a severe accident in the woods, he being found one day pinned under some heavy timber, with his limbs broken and otherwise terribly injured. Although taken to the nearest physician at Meadville, where an operation was performed, he did not long survive his injuries and the profound shock to his nervous system.

The children born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waters were Augusta and Daniel Austin, twins; Mary, who died as the wife of Alfred Sargent of New York; Harriett, wife of Brainard Galpin,

of Conneaut, Ohio. Daniel A. obtained his early education in the district school of his home neighborhood and at the Springfield (Pennsylvania) Academy. He then farmed and taught school for a time in Illinois, but returned to Conneaut township and purchased a portion of the old family homestead, which he occupied and improved during the remainder of his life. Outside of his own affairs, Mr. Waters took a deep interest in agricultural matters and was an active member of the Grange and an earnest supporter of its progressive policies. Although a Republican of strong convictions he evinced no desire for political advancement, but gave his strength to the faithful performance of his duties as a husband, father, scientific farmer and practical Christian.

In August, 1873, Mr. Waters married Miss Ellen Austin, who was born at Detroit, Michigan, September 24, 1847, and is a daughter of Abel and Varona (Chapin) Austin. The Austin family is of New York origin, Mrs. Waters' father being long known in Detroit, Michigan, as a leading carpenter and planing mill operator. Abel Austin died in 1874, at the age of seventy years, his wife having passed away in 1855, at forty. They first came to Detroit in 1820. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Waters—Kay and Clarence C. Kay was born October 3, 1874; attended school until he was twenty years old and has been engaged in farming on the old homestead during all his mature life. He married Miss Edla Kendall, who is a native of Spring township, Pennsylvania, born on the 23d of August, 1883, and daughter of Frank and Ella (Burns) Kendall. They have one child, Doris Elaine. Kay is independent in politics, and both he and his wife are members of Conneaut Grange, No. 955. Clarence C. Waters, who was born September 23, 1886, is a barber of Conneaut, Ohio; is married and the father of Lucille and Wilma.

Hartley Graves, a retired farmer of Girard township, has earned the rest and comforts of his later years by a long, industrious and honorable career in Erie county, which includes faithful service in the Union army. The New England origin of his family was in Massachusetts. In that state were born his grandparents, Enos and Eunice (Kellogg) Graves, his father (also Enos Graves) and himself. Enos Graves Jr. was born in Franklin, Massachusetts, November 9, 1800, and his son, Hartley, was born in the same town May 4, 1835. The father farmed on the old eastern homestead until 1856, when he moved to Erie county and bought the property near the Thompson place upon which he resided until his death in 1861, and which afterward came into possession of Hartley Graves. The wife of Enos Graves (nee Sophia Morton) was a daughter of Enos Morton and a native of his old Massachusets home town. She died in 1881 at the age of seventy-four and four of their sons and daughters are still living: Sophia, now the wife of C. C. Kirkland, of Girard township; Lovina, Mrs. S. Bragg, a resident of Jefferson, Ohio; George who is a farmer of McKean township, this county, and Hartley, of this sketch. The parents were members of the Baptist church.

Mr. Graves faithfully assisted his father until the death of the latter in 1861, and in the following year enlisted in the artillery service, Company E of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth regiment. During the battle of Antietam he was taken so seriously ill that he

was sent to the hospital at Harper's Ferry, later transferred to Alexandria, and received his honorable discharge March 14, 1863. He returned to the old farm, lived with his mother until her death nearly twenty years later, purchased the homestead interests of the other heirs, increased the acreage of the place and made continuous improvements on it. The result is a fine piece of country property, which these many years has been a homestead of comfort and happiness for his wife, his children and himself. Mr. Graves has also been active in the G. A. R. post of Girard; has served as judge of election and in other township offices, and has never faltered in his allegiance to the Republican party.

On December 25, 1873, Mr. Graves married Miss Helen Hubbard, daughter of George and Mary (Porter) Hubbard, who was born June 9, 1845. Her father, who was a lumber dealer of Girard township, died in 1888, and his wife followed him three years later. The grandfather, Hezekiah Hubbard, was a native of Connecticut and became a resident of Girard township in 1825. Mrs. Graves' two sisters are deceased, while her two brothers, George and Henry Hubbard, are alive. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Graves, of whom Elmer and May are deceased and Fannie is living at home with her parents. Floyd, who is now managing the farm, married Miss Mertie Morse, daughter of William and Ella M. (Le Fevre) Morse, of North Girard township. They have become the parents of Lester, Mildred, Edna and Elmer Graves. Carl and Harl are twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Graves. Carl married Miss Eva Johnson, daughter of Leslie and Luella Platt Johnson, and Harl married Miss Minnie Hogan, daughter of Hobert and Catherine Berst Hogan, of Erie City. Both parents are members of the Methodist church and Mrs. Graves is active in the work of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Robert Wallace Blair is the grandson of James Blair, the good and rugged pioneer who in 1804 established the family homestead four miles south of Girard borough, and the property which he inherited has been continuously improved by three generations of industrious and skillful agriculturists until it now represents the highest type of a modern country estate. With his wife, Mary (Wallace) Blair, the grandfather started from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1803, loading his household goods on rafts and boats and pushing the freight up stream to Meadville. There the family effects were transferred to horses and wagon and the journey continued overland to the wilds of northwestern Pennsylvania as found in Girard township. Upon the payment of fifty dollars, Grandfather Blair took up four hundred acres of land, but abandoned this tract after paying taxes upon it for seven years, as, in 1804, he had purchased the land in which his constant labor and affection centered from the first; the dear homestead where his seven children were born and reared; from which for many years before his death he and his family mounted the farm horses and wound through the forest to attend the Sunday services in the little log church near the mouth of Walnut creek; the old Blair homestead, which, through all the advancements of the community for more than a century has firmly stood for elevated sociability and unaffected morality. The grandparents came from

Fayette county to this locality as a young, newly married couple, and clung to it through the remainder of their long lives, the grandmother surviving until 1873, when she died in her ninety-fourth year. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Blair, of whom James, John, Joseph, David Porter and Samuel, made their life records near the old homestead and were leaders in township affairs. Robert moved west and Jane, the only daughter, married Porter Grubb.

David Porter Blair, father of Robert W., was born on the family homestead in the year 1818 and died there within a few months of his eighty-seventh birthday. He and his brother Samuel were stalwart types of filial faithfulness, being their father's unfailing assistants as long as he lived and afterward caring for their mother in the old home cabin until she breathed her last. They were all members of the Presbyterian church, and their long horseback rides to attend services in all seasons and kinds of weather were but one evidence of their faithfulness. In 1874, the year after his mother's death, David P. Blair married Miss Caroline E. Wallace, a distant maternal relative—that is, Grandmother Blair and Grandfather Wallace were brother and sister. Mrs. Blair was born April 8, 1833, and was a daughter of Robert and Sabina (Lindley) Wallace, the former born in 1797 and the latter 1808. Her parents were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Robert W. Blair, who was the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. David P. Blair, first came upon the scenes of the old homestead January 10, 1876. He attended district school until he was fifteen, and then pursued courses in Fairview high school and Grove City college. At the age of eighteen he returned to the home farm and virtually managed his father's interests until his death, February 20, 1905. He now owns and operates four hundred acres of land in the township, having two assistants in his work. He is prosperous and progressive, although he esteems, as among the most valuable of his possessions, those relics which bind present generations with those of the past. Among these are three family Bibles, which have descended to him from Grandfathers Wallace and Lindley, being of the respective dates of 1796, 1805 and 1809; a letter written in 1841 by R. C. Bromley, at Springfield, to his lady (Mrs. Blair's maternal grandmother), and which is marked "Postage, 25 cents"; and a carriage and sleigh used by his grandmother, built more than fifty years ago.

On October 17, 1899, Mr. Blair was married at Girard to Miss Ada Pearl Pratt, who was born in that borough August 5, 1873, and is a daughter of Norman L. and Laura A. (Bromley) Pratt. The father was born June 13, 1851, and the mother on December 14, 1849. The paternal grandparents were John P. and Emma J. (Ranney) Pratt, the latter coming from New York state at an early day, the former's father being the first settler to commence clearing the old Denman Thompson homestead. Mrs. Norman L. Pratt is the daughter of R. C. and Lucinda A. (Cross) Bromley, born respectively in 1817 and 1819 and married in 1843. The grandparents were Smith and Phoebe (Wescott) Bromley. The grandfather was born in Vermont in 1791 and his wife in 1790, the year of their coming to Springfield being 1840. Mrs. Robert W. Blair was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Pratt and received a very thorough education, being a student at the Girard high school and a graduate of the Grand River

Institute of Austinburg, Ohio. For two years before her marriage she had charge of the Girard Library. She is an active member of the Lake Shore Grange, an active worker in the Presbyterian church and one of the most cultured and respected women of the community. She is also the mother of two sons—David Wallace Blair, born November 29, 1900, and Robert Bromley Blair, born March 19, 1904.

LAURIN D. BORT. In the annals of Erie county the name of Bort occupies a prominent position, Barnard H. Bort, father of Laurin D., having been among the earlier pioneers of this part of the state, and an active assistant in developing its varied resources. Laurin D. Bort was born July 22, 1826, at Gospel Hill, Harbor Creek, Erie county, and has spent a large part of his life in this vicinity, during his active career having been engaged in agricultural pursuits, although he is now practically retired from business of all kinds.

Barnard Bort, who spent his last years in Erie county, was born in Mohawk, Herkimer county, New York. About 1815 he came to Erie county in search of a favorable location, the country round about being then in its primitive wildness, giving but scant promise of its present flourishing condition. Buying land at Harbor Creek, then called Gospel Hill, he cleared and improved a homestead, on which he was engaged in tilling the soil for many years. He subsequently removed to Wesleyville, where he spent the closing years of his long and useful life, passing away in 1890. His first wife, whose maiden name was Polly Dewey, died at the comparatively early age of forty years. He was an active member of the Methodist church, and for many years served as local preacher, and she belonged to the same religious denomination, and was equally as zealous in forwarding its good works. After the death of his first wife he married Ann Rhodes, a most estimable woman. Of the children born of his first union, Laurin D. is the only survivor. By his second marriage he had one child, namely: George, deceased.

Between the ages of ten and sixteen years, Laurin D. Bort attended school and worked, being partially self-supporting. He subsequently followed boating on the lakes for sixteen years, sailing from Erie. Thrifty and economical, he saved considerable money, and this he then invested in land, buying his present farm in Conneaut township, near Cherry Hill, which has since been his home. On August 22, 1862, Mr. Bort enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Lynch. His regiment being assigned to the division commanded by General Meade, he participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, where he was taken prisoner and conveyed to Andersonville prison, where he was confined for nine months. He was then paroled, and after a furlough of ninety days rejoined his regiment just before the surrender of Lee, and with his comrades took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. During the war Mr. Bort had many thrilling experiences, at one time, when away from his regiment with a single companion, being for two days with nothing to eat. Finally coming to a large plantation, he bought eggs, paying twelve dollars a dozen for them. Returning home Mr. Bort resumed farming, and until his retirement from active pursuits was one of the leading agriculturists of Cherry Hill, by means of persevering industry and good

management acquiring a fair share of this world's goods. He was a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of State Police, No. 66.

Mr. Bort married, March 5, 1855, Eliza Jane Doty, who was born in 1837, a daughter of Louis and Jane Doty, early pioneer settlers of Erie county. Nine children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bort, namely: George, engaged in farming in New Hampshire, is married, and has six children; Ida, deceased; Nettie, wife of George Huff, of Buffalo, New York, has three children; Corda, wife of J. DeWolf, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, has four children; Luther, of Conneaut, Ohio, is married, and has two children; Pearl, of Conneaut, Ohio, a railway employe, is married, and has six children; Frank, living in Erie, married L. Sweet, and they have three children; William, a resident of Canada, and Arthur, residing in Conneaut, Ohio.

Robert S. Randall. For years one of the most popular and efficient railroad men of northwestern Pennsylvania, a Republican leader and, all in all, one of the best known men in his section of the state, Robert S. Randall, of Conneaut township, has served his constituents and the public in the responsible office of justice of the peace for the past decade. Far more than in metropolitan communities is that position one of responsibility in rural sections, the title of the office carrying with it special significance; far more than any other member of the community is the justice looked upon as a conservator of the peace and, if he is able and conscientious (like Mr. Randall), to no other personality is attached more honor, not unmixed with a warm personal feeling.

Justice Randall was born on the old homestead in Conneaut township January 1, 1855, and is a son of J. Smith and Susan (Moore) Randall. His father was always engaged in farming and came of yeoman stock. The family originated (as to its American ancestry) in New York state, Sheffield Randall, grandfather of Robert S., being born in that state in 1795. The great-grandparents were Stephen and Cynthia Randall. An additional item bearing upon the maternal genealogy is that Squire Randall's mother was the daughter of Rev. John L. Moore, who migrated from Guys Mills, Crawford county, and became one of the early local preachers in Conneaut township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith Randall, besides Robert S., were as follows: John S., James and Mark, all residents of Springfield, Pennsylvania.

After leaving school at the age of twenty, Robert S. Randall, of this review, engaged in farming on the home place for two years, and then spent five years on a California ranch. Returning to Albion, he obtained a clerical position in a Keepville store and after satisfactorily filling it for two years secured the appointment of freight and passenger agent and operator for the Pennsylvania Railway at the former place. This useful and progressive period of his life covered fifteen years, after which Mr. Randall retired to his farm and to the performance of various public duties which were thrown upon him. Long an active Republican, he has served as township auditor for ten years and been an honored incumbent of the justiceship for the past decade. He was also secretary of the Order of State Police No. 23

for a like period and has steadily risen in Odd Fellowship (Lodge No. 376, at Albion), having passed all the chairs of the fraternity.

In 1882 Mr. Randall married Miss Malinda A. Forbes, who was born in 1862 and is a daughter of Merritt and Mary J. (Cornell) Forbes. The first child born of this union, Mark, died in infancy. Thomas M., who was born in 1886, July 22nd, purchased his present place after having been engaged in farming for others some three years. He married Miss Pearl Patterson, who was born August 22, 1887, and is a daughter of W. W. and Abby (Johnson) Patterson. The father, formerly of Cherry Hill, Pennsylvania, is deceased, while his widow is living at Albion. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Randall have one child, Alta, born in 1907. Rita M., the second living child and the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Randall, was born July 7, 1887, and is now the wife of Walter Youngs, with the Bessemer Company, and the mother of one child, Kenneth. Lytle and King, born respectively in 1893 and 1903, are both living at home, and Lena died in her infancy.

Mr. Randall when but a boy drove canal boats on the old Erie and Pittsburg canal, right in front of his present home, for three years, and many a time he has fallen into the old canal. He was a member of the Albion Silver Orchestra and Band, and he has valuable musical instruments in his home.

John J. Bancroft is a general merchant, coal dealer and farmer residing at Wanneta station (West Albion), this county, and is one of the leading citizens of the locality. He is a native of Conneaut township, Erie county, born in 1866, and is a son of Thomas P. and Mary Jane (Fogg) Bancroft. The father was born at Hartford, Connecticut, July 23, 1832, and at the age of eleven accompanied his parents to Erie county, where he learned the carpenter's trade and at the same time became proficient in everything relating to agriculture. He was a soldier in the Civil war. He died March 10, 1872, his widow living with her son, John J. Mrs. Mary J. Bancroft was born in Springfield township, this county, on the 15th of October, 1831, and is a daughter of Joseph and Sally (DeWolf) Fogg, her father dying in 1881, at eighty-two years of age, and her mother in 1848, only thirty-seven. The paternal grandparents were Thomas L. and Theresa (Lovering) Bancroft, the former, who was born in Windsor, Connecticut, and died in 1866, being a carpenter by trade. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Bancroft, besides John J., were as follows: Frank, a resident of Ashtabula, Ohio; Fred, a farmer living at Sheffield, Ohio; Louise, who married Dr. Griggs of Ashtabula; Clarissa J., Mrs. S. Porter, and Alona, Mrs. B. Hawkins, who married a farmer of that place; Edith, who is the wife of A. E. Dingee, an agriculturist of Conneaut township, Erie county; Thomas L. Bancroft, born April 16, 1867, died April 11, 1901, leaving two children, Saddie, aged twelve, and Harold, aged nine years.

John J. Bancroft engaged in farming from the time he left school until his marriage in 1884. He then followed railroading for five years and for six years following was in the telephone service in Erie county. These connections and experiences gave him a wide acquaintance which he was able to use to advantage when he located at the station of Wanneta, Pennsylvania, and opened a general store

and coal yard. He continues profitably in these lines and also carries on a farm. On August 23, 1884, Mr. Bancroft wedded Miss Louie L. Thompson, a daughter of Frank and Angelina S. (Dingee) Thompson. Mrs. Bancroft was born April 20, 1867, and both her parents resided in Conneaut township. Her father (a Civil war veteran), died August 13, 1909, at seventy-five years of age; her mother is living, at sixty-nine. Her maternal grandparents were James and Lucetta (LeSuer) Dingee. Mrs. Bancroft has a brother, Lee C. Thompson, who is in the laundry business at Albion. She is the mother of one child—Pearl C. Bancroft, born September 14, 1885, who is now the wife of M. M. DeWolf, agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Rosemond, Ohio.

Rev. Thomas A. Cantlin, pastor of St. Theresa's Roman Catholic church, of Union City, is a universal favorite with his parishioners, and well liked by all who know him. Father Cantlin was born in New York City, September 23, 1873, and reared and educated in his native city. After taking a six years' course at Seton College, South Orange, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1893, he entered St. Bonaventure's Seminary, of Allegany, New York, from which institution he graduated in 1899, and was there ordained. His first pastorate was as assistant at St. Peter's cathedral, of Erie, and from there Father Cantlin came to Union City, which has since been his residence. His parents are William and Mary (Finley) Cantlin.

St. Theresa's parish was established in 1854, and until 1863 was under the supervision of missionaries; the first pastor, Father Thomas Londgregan, found forty-five families in the parish, and at the time he left, in 1866, there were one hundred and fifty. The next pastor, Rev. T. F. Maloney, served until 1868, and was succeeded by Rev. Philip Maurell, who served about a year. Rev. J. L. Madigan was the next pastor, and served until 1871, being succeeded by Rev. J. M. Dunn, who served until 1892. During Father Dunn's pastorate the parish grew to the size of two hundred families, the large increase being due to the large number of coopers employed to make barrels, at the time of the excitement over the oil wells in the region. The next pastor was Rev. Bernard Lynch, who served until 1894, and was succeeded by Rev. D. A. Hanley, who served until 1897, being succeeded by Rev. J. F. Fielding. Father Fielding was succeeded by the present pastor, Father Cantlin. During the time of the pastorates above enumerated, the church edifice was twice enlarged, making three buildings in one, which was done to accommodate the growing congregation. In 1906 Father Cantlin advocated the building of a new church, which should do credit to the parishioners and to the town at large, and by the united efforts of those interested, and the untiring perseverance of the pastor, the building was dedicated in May, 1907, one year from the time the need was realized and the idea conceived. The new building itself is valued at twenty thousand dollars and the whole property, including buildings, at twenty-seven thousand dollars.

Father Cantlin is a clergyman of unusual promise, and takes an interest in the welfare of the community. His parish now consists of some seventy families, who appreciate the untiring zeal of their pastor, in looking after their interests and enhancing the value of their property, as well as caring for their spiritual needs. Father Cantlin en-

joys the respect and esteem of all who know him, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Harvey Clifford Duff, a young man of thorough education and business ability of Girard, is a native of Brookfield, Ohio, born in 1886. He is a son of Dr. Richard H. Duff, a widely known physician of that place.

Mr. Duff finished his common school course with credit; then completed the high school course at Girard; spent one year at the University of Pennsylvania and also attended the Case School of Applied Sciences at Cleveland, Ohio. Several years following he spent as a carpenter and builder, and in September, 1908, purchased the livery business which he conducts. Mr. Duff is a member of the Zeta Psi college fraternity of Cleveland, and is closely identified with the work of the Presbyterian church. Gail and Ralph, younger brothers, are attending school in Girard.

Frank Rowley, who for many years was engaged in the manufacture of oars in association with his father and brother, has been retired from active business since 1900, and is now enjoying life as a comfortable and useful citizen of Platea. He is an old-time Republican, is at present serving on the city school board, and is devoting himself to his public duties and the care of his private interests.

Mr. Rowley is a native of Wayne, Ohio, where he was born June 10, 1855, and is a son of William and Theresa (Putnam) Rowley. His father was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and when a young man located at Lockport, now Platea, where he secured employment in the Page Oar Manufacturing Company. When that corporation failed he assumed the crippled business, re-established it and prospered in it for twenty-five years, or until his death in 1871, at the age of sixty-two. His wife was a native of North East, Pennsylvania, daughter of a farmer of that place, and died in 1901, aged seventy-six years. Both were members of the Disciples' church. Besides Frank Rowley, their son, Mary, their daughter, is living; she is the wife of Dr. Millard, formerly of Conneaut, Ohio, and now of Topeka, Kansas.

After leaving school, Mr. Rowley gave his entire time for ten years to the assistance of his father in the oar business, his chief labors being connected with the machinery department. After the death of his father he operated the plant in partnership with his brother, but sold his interest in 1900 and retired from the business. His wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Jewell, was born in February, 1850, and is a daughter of the late Elias Jewell, a pioneer blacksmith of Erie county, and his wife, Margaret (Reinhart) Jewell, the mother being a native of Germany. The living offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Rowley are Milton, bookkeeper at the Erie City Iron Works, who married Miss Margaret Harper and has two children; and Jennie, who lives at home.

Eureka Tempered Copper Works. The principal industrial plant in North East, Erie county, Pennsylvania, was incorporated December 28, 1896, with Charles Schimmelfeng and O. C. Hirtzel, both of Warren, as president and treasurer, respectively, purchasing the property of the Eureka Tempered Copper Company which was chartered in 1888. Subsequently H. E. Norris, also of Warren, became affiliated with the concern as vice-president.

The present plant consists of substantially constructed brick buildings, with full equipment of modern machinery for the manufacture of copper and composition castings, copper and steel drop forgings, and other electric traction supplies.

The industry is in capable hands, and operated under conservative management. It employs one hundred or more workmen at good wages, and consumes upwards of one million pounds of copper per annum.

The plant has excellent shipping facilities, being located on two trunk lines midway between New York and Chicago. This central location between the east and west, the large iron and steel industries to the south, and Canadian ports to the north, gives it command over a large territory, in which great quantities of its product is used, making it easily one of the most prominent manufacturing concerns in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

CHARLES SCHIMMELFENG stands at the head of one of the largest industrial institutions of northern Pennsylvania, the Eureka Tempered Copper Works, located in the town of North East. A corporation known as the Eureka Tempered Copper Company was formed in 1888, and on the 13th of November, 1896, their property was purchased by Mr. Schimmelfeng and the Eureka Tempered Copper Works, a corporation was formed. Their charter was granted on the 28th of December, 1896, and the stock company was organized with the following officers: Charles Schimmelfeng, the president; H. E. Norris, the vice-president and secretary; and O. C. Hirtzel, the treasurer. Mr. Norris and Mr. Hirtzel are the local managers. The plant covers one and three-fourths acres of ground, and its different departments are its machine shop, controlling department, drop forge department, foundry, shipping room and offices. This large plant furnishes employment to about one hundred workmen, and they manufacture electrical supplies and do repair work principally for electric railroads. Their principal products are electric commutators and segments, trolley wheels, controllers parts, journal bearings, rolled goods, brushes, copper and brass castings of all kinds, copper and steel forgings and wire stretchers. This large manufactory has gained a preeminent position in the industrial circles of Pennsylvania.

Its president, Charles Schimmelfeng, was born in Hamden, Delaware county, New York, April 2, 1849, a son of Joseph and Jane A. (Slack) Schimmelfeng, natives respectively of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and of Middletown, New York. Coming to the United States and to New York in about the year of 1830, Joseph Schimmelfeng, the father, was a tanner in that state and in Pennsylvania until his death in 1877. His wife survived him until 1882. Their children are: Henry, of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, Charles, of Warren, and Edward L., whose home is in Clarendon, this state.

The second son Charles, remained with his parents and worked in his father's tannery until thirty-two years of age, and from that time until abandoning the business in 1896 he was the superintendent and owner of a tannery at Stoneham, Pennsylvania. He had, however, practically disposed of that business in 1894, and on the 13th of November, 1896, bought the property of the Eureka Tempered Copper Company. His home is in Warren. He married, on June 29, 1881, Louisa M. Hirtzel, also from Warren, a daughter of Phillip and Barbara (Eichler) Hirtzel, from Alsace, France. The children of this union are: Edward H., who died in 1890, at the age of eight years; Jennie L., a

graduate of the University of Chicago; Marian F., a graduate of Vassar College; and Charles P., who died at the age of three years, in 1894.

Harry E. Norris, the vice-president and secretary of the Eureka Tempered Copper Works, was born at Glens Falls, New York, April 3, 1857, a son of Josiah H. and Harriet L. (Buswell) Norris, born respectively in Boston, Massachusetts, and in Vermont. They were married in New York, where Josiah H. Norris was a manufacturer of wagons, but moving to Tiona, Pennsylvania, he began the manufacture of oil well supplies, and he died on the 28th of November, 1907. Harry E. Norris, the son, married on November 26, 1879, Belle Barker, born in Nunda, New York, and after his marriage he continued in the oil well supply business with his father for a few years. From the close of his connection with that industry until 1900 he was engaged in the tanning business, and in that year became the vice-president of the Eureka Tempered Copper Works. During three years he served as the postmaster of North Clarendon, Pennsylvania. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Norris are: Edwin R., of St. Louis, Missouri; Earl B., professor of mechanical engineering in the University of Wisconsin at Madison; Harry B., a student in the Pennsylvania State College; and Donald G. and Walter L., at home with their parents.

Orris C. Hirtzel, one of the best known business men of North East, Pennsylvania, was born in Warren, May 29, 1869, a son of Philip and Barbara (Eichler) Hirtzel of Alsace, France, and a grandson of Christian Hirtzel, a cabinet maker who came to Pennsylvania about the year 1830 and settled at Warren. Christian Hirtzel was born in Alsace, France, in 1778, and died in Warren, Pennsylvania in 1841. He served in Napoleon Bonaparte's army from which he was discharged in 1807. Philip Hirtzel and Barbara Eichler were married in Warren. He was a farmer and lumberman there for many years, dying in that city in 1902. He was born in 1820. His wife was born in 1829 and died in 1905.

Orris C. Hirtzel attended the public and high school of Warren, and a business college in Pittsburg. When a lad of sixteen he became a clerk in a hardware store in Warren and was thus engaged for five years. Later he was in the employ of other concerns there until coming to North East in 1896 to accept the position of treasurer of the Eureka Tempered Copper Works. He has continued in that office to the present time. He was one of the originators in founding The National Bank of North East, in June, 1908, and was elected its first vice-president.

Mr. Hirtzel was married in September, 1902, to Miss Bess H. Dewey, who was born in North East, a daughter of Deniston D. and Sarah (Coon) Dewey. The one son of this union is Philip Deniston, born September 18, 1904. Mr. Hirtzel is a Democrat, a Mason, and a member of the English Lutheran church.

William M. Waldo, one of the best known painters in Conneaut township, is the representative of a family (both on his father's and his mother's side) which embraced some of the first and most prominent settlers at Albion and in the vicinity. His paternal grandfather, Ransom Waldo, was a native of New York state, and married Elizabeth Van Reiper. In 1838 they loaded two other members of the family, with all their worldly goods, into a buggy and started for Erie county from Auburn, New York. Ransom Waldo was a cabinet

maker, followed his trade with pride and profit for many years at the town called Jasonville (now Albion), and died October 26, 1889, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife had already left all worldly duties, burdens and pleasures behind, passing to the unknown future in 1870, at the age of sixty-three. Eugene Waldo, the father of William M., was born in Albion, October 1, 1841, and after he had completed his education devoted himself to his father's trade, cabinet making, the scene of his labors of forty years being mainly Albion and Wellsburg. Later, he removed to Erie, this county, and still later returned to Albion, following his old lines in which his reputation is unexcelled. In 1900 the elder Mr. Waldo purchased the farm which he now occupies, two miles east of Cranesville, having added dairying to the general operations of his place. In 1862 Eugene Waldo married Miss Lucy Aldermon, born in Girard, this county, on the 7th of January, 1838, daughter of Michael and Lavinia (Lewis) Aldermon. The former was a farmer and a carpenter, who died January 26, 1895, at the age of eighty-six, and his wife passed away December 11, 1893, at the same age. The grandparents were William and Polly Aldermon, who came from New York at a very early day and settled at Keepville, where their son Michael (father of Mrs. Eugene Waldo) kept the pioneer store of the place, besides farming and plying his trade of carpentry. Grandfather Elijah Lewis was also one of the oldest settlers of Conneaut township, his land possessions of four hundred acres lying between Keepville and Albion. He was a captain in the war of 1812, and died in 1852 at the age of eighty-eight, while his wife Lucy passed away in 1850, aged eighty-one. Besides the father of William M., there is one son of their family still alive, La Gee Waldo, a painter of Mantua.

Mr. Waldo, of this sketch, left school when he was fourteen years of age, learned the painter's trade and has followed that calling ever since. On March 2, 1908, he married Miss Alice Goodenow, born at Cranesville, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of August, 1889, daughter of David and Margaret (Randall) Goodenow. Her parents are both living in Elk Creek township, her father being fifty-seven and her mother, fifty-one years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo are the parents of one child, Ransom. The former also has a brother living, Louis Waldo, a painter of Erie, Pennsylvania, who married Jennie Reed and is the father of Glen and Arline.

Emery J. Francis, of Franklin township, is one of the strongest and broadest members of the agricultural community in Erie county—the more definite meaning of this statement being that he has contributed to its progress as effectively and in as many different ways as any man within its limits. He has been, and still is, a thorough and scientific farmer; as a professional thresher has been an active figure in harvesting the crops of Erie county for many years, and as representative of the McCormick Company and other great manufacturers of agricultural machinery has been largely concerned in the introduction of modern labor-saving devices which have so increased the productive capacity of the present-day farm and added to the prosperity of its proprietor. There are many evidences that the able and useful labors of Mr. Francis have been fully appreciated by his fellows, one of them

being the honors which they have conferred on him in the form of public responsibilities. Although a firm Republican, he has impartially served his constituents as supervisor, assessor, auditor, collector and in other offices.

The Francis family is prominent in the pioneer history of Essex county, New York, of which Alvin Francis, grandfather of Emery J., was a native. In his youthful years he served in the war of 1812, and in 1833 fixed his homestead in the woods of the present Franklin township. He cleared his purchase of ninety-one acres, on the site of what is now Francis Corners, continued the home improvements for years, reared a family of six sons and three daughters (with the able assistance of his good wife, Betsy Soper), and died in 1867, at the age of sixty-nine years. The widow survived until 1884, or until she was eighty-seven. Alva Francis, the eldest of the family, was also a native of Essex county, New York, and was born July 14, 1821, being twelve years of age when his parents brought him to the log home in the forest of Erie county. He spent his life as a farmer on the old homestead, and died January 25, 1903, at the age of eighty-one years and six months. The deceased was a member of the Christian church, and an industrious, unpretentious representative of his community and his faith. On November 17, 1845, he married Miss Mary Bliss, born February 13, 1821, daughter of Harry and Polly (Wright) Bliss, and still living in her eighty-ninth year. Besides her son, Emery J., she has one surviving daughter, Ellen, now the wife of Erric Babbitt.

Emery J. Francis was born on the old homestead at Francis Corners, October 1, 1846, and until he was twenty years of age divided most of his life into winters of schooling and summers of farming. At that age he dropped the schooling altogether and remained on the home place until he was twenty-two. Seven years of independent farm work then enabled him to purchase fifty acres of timberland in the township, but he soon sold that tract and bought the land comprising his present homestead, which was then a raw place of promise, since improved into property of value and attractiveness. Soon after purchasing the place he also bought a threshing outfit and operated it for about twelve years, still later engaging in the sale of agricultural machinery. In 1886 Mr. Francis located at Lockport, where for three years he engaged in merchandising, but in 1889 returned to the business of dealing in farming machinery. For sixteen years he was thus identified with the McCormick Harvester Company, during that period placing his farm in charge of a competent superintendent. For more than forty years he has been an active worker in the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, being a charter member of both lodges in Girard. He joined the Masons in 1869, being a member of Girard Lake Erie Lodge No. 347, and is connected with the I. O. O. F as a member of Girard Nickel Plate Lodge No. 1125 and Girard Five Stars Encampment No. 97. He is also an enthusiastic supporter of the State Police.

In 1871 Mr. Francis married Miss Martha M. Allen, who was born in Fairview township, Erie county, November 15, 1850, and is a daughter of L. D. and Jane (Culbertson) Allen. Mr. Allen came to Erie county with his parents when a boy and died in 1883, aged seventy-three years, while his wife, a daughter of John Culbertson, died in 1901, at the age of eighty-nine. Mrs. Francis was a school teacher

for several years before her marriage. There were seven children in the family, the only survivor, besides herself, being a brother, Leander C. Allen, a retired farmer of Ames, Iowa.

CHURCH FAMILY. The Church family in this county is of New England stock, and the first of the name to migrate from Connecticut to Genesee county, New York, was Thomas Church. The Churches first settled in Genesee county, New York, whence Henry L. Church came to Warren county, Pennsylvania, and finally to Union township in Erie county. Thomas Church came from Haddam, Connecticut, made the journey to LeRoy, New York, accompanied by his wife, nee Sallie N. Parmelee, from Killingworth, Connecticut, and the following children: Henry L., Russell S. and Thomas R. Thomas and Sallie Church died in Union City.

Henry L. Church, the eldest son, was born in Connecticut in 1811. He married Electa M. J., a daughter of Henry Whitney, from Oneida county, New York, in 1838, and their children were: Charles, born in 1840; Russell S., in 1843; Caroline E., in 1844; Horatio L., in 1847; Thomas, in 1849; Richard, in 1851; and Frank, in 1860. Frank, the youngest, was the only one of the children born in Union City. In due process of time Henry L. Church with the aid of his sons erected both a grist and saw mill, and also operated a general store, and in all these ventures he was successful. The one hundred acres of land which he purchased in and adjacent to Union City was laid out in lots, and thus made possible the future growth and development of the place. The town was then noted for the number of its cooper shops, their products being utilized in the oil fields, and Mr. Church under the firm name of H. L. Church and Sons continued his milling and mercantile business until 1884, when the mill was burned and never rebuilt, and the mercantile department was also discontinued. Mr. Church died in the year 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was a man of influence and great worth in his community, and he served his town in various capacities. He was the second man to fill its office of burgess, and he was several times elected to that position. During his residence in Union City, Erie county, he was president of the First National Bank, of Union City, and during the operation of the Union & Titusville railroad he served for some time as its president. His fraternal relations were with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Church died in 1876, and only two of her children survive, Russell S. and Horatio L.

Horatio L. Church is a stockholder in the Standard Chair Company of Union City, and served at one time as its president. The industry was organized in 1898 on a small scale, but in 1900 it was incorporated as the Standard Chair Company and has since been increased to large proportions. Its present force is two hundred employes, and it has a capacity of thirty-five hundred chairs every ten hours. The plant is operated by electricity, having a four hundred horsepower engine, and it contains all the latest and most modern improvements for the carrying on of the work. Horatio L. Church served his city as postmaster during Cleveland's administration. He is a 32d degree Mason; is a past master of Eureka Lodge No. 366, F. & A. M.; is a member of Columbia Chapter No. 200 and of Clarence Commandery No. 51, Knights Templar, of Corry, and also the Con-

sistory at Pittsburg; the Zem-Zem Temple at Erie; and a member of the Lodge of Perfection of Erie. He is also a member of Erie Lodge of Elks No. 67, and a member of Clement Lodge No. 220, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of John W. McLean Post No. 102, G. A. R., at Union City. In his political views Mr. Church is a Democrat. He married Miss Lelia W. Waite of Cleveland, Ohio.

Russell S. Church, who has never married, has served Union City as a councilman, and he is a past master of Eureka Lodge No. 366, F. & A. M.

Leon M. Sherwood, a substantial farmer of Waterford township, comes from well known pioneers on both sides of the family. He himself may be placed in this class as he was born in the township named, March 28, 1862; received his education in its public schools and in those of Washington township and has been engaged in farming in this locality all his life. On December 29, 1887, Mr. Sherwood married Miss Elizabeth Ann McFayden, a daughter of Alexander and Emeline (Woodford) McFayden. Her father, who was born April 27, 1899, emigrated from his native Scotland when a boy of eighteen and located in the vicinity which afterward became his homestead. Shortly after his arrival his parents, Neil and Catherine McFayden, joined him in his wilderness home and all the male members of the family joined forces to clear the land and make a home. In this locality Alexander McFayden reached manhood and was married in 1850, his wife being a native of Waterford township and of an old Connecticut family, her parents migrating from that state at an early day. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McFayden were: Katherine Isabelle; William T., Alexander, Elizabeth, Finley and John. With the exception of Mrs. Sherwood, who lives on the old farm, all the children are residents of the city of Erie.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Sherwood are as follows: Alexander McFayden, born November 1, 1888; Emeline Bell, May 6, 1893; Mabel Irene, December 8, 1896. The oldest child, Alexander, is now a junior at Bucknell College, while the other children are students in the public schools. Mr. Sherwood is a Republican and he is a member of I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 974, at Waterford.

Rev. Robert Stansbury VanCleve, D. D., one of the oldest and most prominent ministers of Erie, was born at Beaver Meadow, Carbon county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1842, the son of Aaron H. and Henrietta (Chambers) VanCleve. The VanCleve family emigrated from Holland in early times, and have been in America for six generations. The Chambers family is English, and the great-grandfather of Robert S. VanCleve, David Chambers, was an officer in the Revolution, and at one time attached to the staff of General Washington.

Aaron H. VanCleve was born at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, August 25, 1806, the son of Jacob VanCleve, a farmer of Lawrenceville. His wife, Henrietta (Chambers) VanCleve, was born at Trenton, New Jersey, the daughter of Clark and Mary (Guild) Chambers. This couple was married in New York city October 29, 1828, shortly after which they removed to Pennsylvania, where Aaron VanCleve had charge of large mining interests; in 1846 they returned to Trenton, New Jersey, where he became organizer of the Trenton Locomo-

tive & Machine Manufacturing Company, of which he became president. Later he became purchasing agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at South Amboy, New Jersey, and subsequently superintendent of the Western Division of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, with headquarters at Huntington, West Virginia. He spent his declining years in Trenton, New Jersey, where he died August 2, 1880. His wife died on March 22, 1858.

Rev. Robert S. VanCleve was reared principally at Trenton, New Jersey, and prepared for college at Lawrenceville. He entered Princeton College, taking the academic course, and graduated with the class of 1863, with degree A. B., three years later taking the A. M.; then entered Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in the Class of 1866. The Grove City (Pennsylvania) College conferred upon him, in 1895, degree of D. D. He entered the ministerial field at Westfield, New York, in October, 1866, and in 1870 removed to Leetsdale (Pennsylvania) Presbyterian church, the postoffice address of which was Sewickley, and continued at this place for seventeen years. He first came to Erie in 1866, intending to spend a vacation there, but was induced to take the pastorate of the Chestnut Street Presbyterian church. Soon after he took a year's vacation in Colorado, and on his return to Erie, again was induced to take it in charge, and has since continued its pastor, using his best efforts to build up and maintain a flourishing society, and has practically built the present church. He has the affection and gratitude of all his parishioners, and his efforts have been greatly appreciated in circles outside the church. He is stated clerk of the Erie presbytery, in which there are seventy-one churches, which office makes him one of the most active workers in the Presbyterian church in that part of the state. He contributes his services to all church work in the city, and is leader of the crusade against vice, now being made an issue in municipal affairs, and an important one. He is a member of the local Princeton Club, the American Whig Society of Princeton College, also the Greek letter society Zeta Psi.

Dr. VanCleve married Catherine Spencer, daughter of the late Judah Colt Spencer, a pioneer of Erie, and sister to William Spencer, president of the First National Bank of Erie. She died January 25, 1897. To this marriage the following children were born: J. Spencer, a graduate of Princeton College, a prominent manufacturer of Erie, and president of the Erie Foundry. He married Grace, daughter of John W. Reynolds, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; children, Henrietta and Frances L., twins. Henrietta married Otto G. Hitchcock, vice president and treasurer of Hayes Manufacturing Company, of Erie. Frances L. lives at home with her father. Dr. VanCleve's present wife was Miss Lucy Carter White, a lineal descendant of Governor Thomas Nelson, governor of Virginia and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Joseph H. King is numbered among the men of affluence in Erie county who can justly claim the title of a self made man, the distinctive architect of his own fortune. He was but a lad of nine years when he started out on an independent career as a lighter of street lamps, and from that on he pushed steadily forward and at the age of fifteen began learning the trade of a boiler maker. But after five

years of work along that line he in 1890, being then twenty years of age, turned his attention to the teaming business, and from the small beginning with one team he has greatly enlarged the scope of his activities until he now operates twenty-three head of horses and is at the head of the largest business in his line in the city of Erie. During two years from 1906 he served as the president of the grade crossing commissioners, and in the year of 1907 was elected to the common council from the Fourth ward. He is a member of the Builders' Exchange, the Progressive League Club, the Sherman Greys, the South Erie Turners, the Maennerchor, the White Lilies Cascade Club, the Bay View Fishing and Hunting Club and is the president of the Cascade Park Club.

Mr. King was born in the Fourth ward of Erie March 24, 1870. His father, Joseph King, a native of Lisbon, Portugal, born in 1847, left home and native land when a boy of twelve years, and becoming an ocean sailor shipped first on a whaling vessel. Finally coming to the United States he located in Erie in 1864, and for years afterward was a sailor on the Great Lakes. He married a native daughter of this city, Catherine Fleming. Her father, John Fleming, was also a sailor and fisherman, and her mother was born in Ireland. The grandfather, Benjamin Fleming, located in Erie as early as the year of 1810, coming from the New England states. He was of Scotch descent and a salt water sailor, and as a gunner in Commodore Perry's fleet he took part in the battle of Lake Erie on the "Niagara." He died in this city in 1870, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. He was for a long period a noted character in and around Erie, and participated in all celebrations pertaining to Perry and his fleet here and at other points. Mrs. King yet survives her husband, and is living in Erie, being now sixty-three years of age. Their family numbered five children, as follows; Joseph H.; Mary, who died at the age of nineteen years; John, who died at the same age; Thomas, who died aged thirty-one; and Daniel.

Joseph H. King married in 1890 Kittie Pruyn, who was also born in Erie, but her parents, Matthew and Angeline (Bondy) Pruyn, were both from Michigan, where they were also married, and from there they came to Erie in 1868. Among the paternal ancestors of Mrs. King was Simon Pruyn, a Holland Dutchman who located in this city in an early day, and he lived to the age of ninety-one years, while his wife, nee Mary Steele, died in Erie at the age of eighty-six. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. King was Andrew Bondy, also from Michigan. Matthew Pruyn died in this city on the 2d of June, 1894, and his widow survived until the 27th of January, 1896. Mr. King has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its Encampment with the Elks, Moose and Eagles fraternities.

Lee H. Pomeroy, storekeeper of the Bessemer Railway at Albion, was born on the old Pomeroy homestead in Elk Creek township, on the 17th of July, 1878, and is a son of Fred Lee and Mary Elizabeth (Joslin) Pomeroy. Fred L. Pomeroy was born January 14, 1854, on the present homestead. After leaving school he farmed the remainder of his life on the farm which came into his possession after his parents' death. He is still active and is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Wellsburg and politically a Democrat but has never desired office.

His wife, Mary E. Joslin, was born January 29, 1854, in Crawford county, a daughter of Hiram Joslin and Lydia Wyard, the mother being a daughter of Lehman Wyard and Elizabeth Chamberlain, both natives of Connecticut. The grandfather of Mrs. Lee H. Pomeroy was Darius Joslin, a farmer, and his wife was Elizabeth Jevin, both natives of New York. Grandfather Horace Pomeroy, was born in Conneaut township and died August 27, 1889, aged seventy-two. He built and prepared the present homestead. He was married to Mary E. Huntington, still living at the age of ninety-one, a daughter of John Huntington and Betsy Metcalf, natives of Vermont, who later moved to York State where they died. The father of John Huntington was David Huntington and the mother's name was Nancy. The father of Horace Pomeroy was Nathaniel Pomeroy and the mother Sarah Randall. Nathaniel Pomeroy's father was Medad Pomeroy, a Revolutionary soldier who came with his family from the east, and was the first settler in Conneaut township, though the records do not show in what year they came. Mrs. Mary E. Pomeroy, the mother of Lee H., though now ninety-one years of age, is wonderfully active in body, with clear mind and memory, unusual for one of her age.

Mr. Pomeroy is a graduate of the Albion high school, and has followed the railroad business since he was twenty years old. For two years he was connected with the construction department of the road at Pittsburg, but returned to Albion in 1906, in order to assume charge of the Bessemer Company's business interests as storekeeper. On February 5, 1907, Mr. Pomeroy married Miss Zora L. Wilcox, who was born October 6, 1878, daughter of Martin Wilcox and Elizabeth Jane Stephenson. The father died November 30, 1906, at the age of seventy-six years, the mother having passed away August 17, 1880, at the early age of twenty-three. Martin Wilcox was born in England, but came to America as a boy and settled at Girard, Pennsylvania, with other members of the family. When he had attained his majority he settled in Kansas as a farmer; afterward raised cotton and located at Joplin, Missouri, to work in the zinc mines and to engage in the mining business. He died at Joplin. The deceased was highly intelligent—in fact, quite scholarly—and was such a devoted valued member of the Methodist church that he often officiated as a local pastor. Mrs. Pomeroy was reared by her grandparents, and after she left school was employed as a bookkeeper until her marriage. She is the only child now living. Mr. Pomeroy has one brother, Clair Monroe, who is with his parents, and one sister, Sarah, the wife of Daniel Roberts, postmaster at Cranesville.

John G. Stephenson, the grandfather of Mrs. Pomeroy, was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 29th of August, 1830, and is a son of Frederick and Mary (Cook) Stephenson, the former of whom died in 1869, at the age of sixty-seven, and the latter in 1867, aged sixty-five. His parents emigrated to the United States in 1844, when the boy was fourteen, and he was engaged in gardening in Buffalo until 1851. In that year, when of age, he moved to Elk Creek township, this county, and purchased the land which he has since improved so that it is one of the most productive truck farms in the locality. The early years on the old farm were anything but downy. The land was well timbered and the first crops were raised in rather scant soil between the stumps. It is related that the pioneer crop was one bushel of corn. In the

household were three sons and three daughters. John G. was employed on the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age, and then (after his marriage) purchased the family homestead of sixty acres. He finished clearing the land, added a sixty acre tract, and aside from general farming engaged in horticulture for the succeeding twenty years. For some years past he has made a specialty of gardening and his place, known as the "Old Stephenson Corners," is not only a historical landmark but a model farm for the raising of all garden produce.

On October 6, 1851, John G. Stephenson wedded Miss Mary Fincham, the ceremony occurring in Cambridgeshire, England, where the bride was born February 10, 1830. She is a daughter of William Fincham, a civil engineer in the employ of the British government, who died in 1871, aged sixty-three, and of Sarah Fincham, whose death occurred in 1849, at the age of fifty-four. At the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Stephenson, celebrated at "Old Stephenson Corners" October 6, 1901, were present not only their five living children but forty-seven grandchildren; so that the family seems destined to be perpetuated, so far as the Erie county branch is concerned. The six children are as follows: Sarah, born in 1853, who is now the wife of A. J. Lasher, of West Mill Creek township, and the mother of six children, as well as the grandmother of one child; Elizabeth, who died in 1880 was the mother of Mrs. Lee H. Pomeroy; William Earl, born in 1859, a farmer of Albion who married Elizabeth Mitchell and is the father of Lyle (who has two children)—Wilbur (one child) and Vivian (three children); Rose May, born in 1861, the wife of Andrew J. Richardson (a farmer of East Springfield, Pennsylvania), the mother of five children and the grandmother of one child; John Henry, who was born in 1865, married Mary Lasher, is connected with the Lake Shore road at Ashtabula, Ohio, and has eight children; and Frank W., who was born in 1870, married Anna Smith and is the father of four children. Elizabeth Stephenson, the mother of Mrs. Pomeroy, was a thoroughly educated and lovable woman. She was a graduate of the Edinboro institution conducted in her time by Professor Cooper, and taught for several terms in the district schools of Elk Creek township.

William Mille Maxwell. A skillful mechanic, thoroughly versed in all the departments of his work, William Mille Maxwell, of Albion, Erie county, is ably filling the responsible position of head blacksmith in the Bessemer shops. He belongs to a good old family of Scotland, being a son of Andrew Maxwell, the first member of his branch of the family to come to America. His great grandfather, Alexander Maxwell, was born in Falkland, Fifeshire, his home having been very near the castle built by James V, king of Scotland. Alexander Maxwell, a weaver by trade, attained the venerable age of ninety-five years, his birth having occurred in 1737, and his death in 1832. He married Jeannette Wells, who died in 1837, aged ninety-five years. They were people of eminent piety, belonging to what is now called the United Presbyterian church, and were very strict in the observance of their religious duties, holding family worship every evening at eight o'clock.

James Maxwell, grandfather of William Mille, was for many years a butcher in Forfarshire, being located in Arbroath, where he

died, in 1863, at the age of sixty-five years, his birth having occurred in 1798. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Webster, was born in 1802, and died in 1887, aged eighty-five years. Of the eleven children born of their union, James Maxwell, of Jamestown, Pennsylvania, is the only survivor, he being now, in 1909, eighty-six years of age.

Andrew Maxwell was born in Arbroath, Forfarshire, Scotland, in 1819. As a boy he drove a butcher's cart for his father, but afterward learned the trade of a blacksmith and horse shoer, serving an apprenticeship of four years, and subsequently worked as a blacksmith on a Clyde river ship. Like so many of his sagacious and enterprising countrymen, he then turned to America as the field of promise for a successful career, and brought his family to the United States. Locating in Ohio, he worked at his trade in Cincinnati for a year, after which he spent two years in Norwalk, being employed as a railway contractor. He subsequently spent a short time in Allegheny, from there going to Toronto, Canada, as an employe of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. He was afterwards foreman in the railway shops of the Philadelphia and Erie Railway Company, and later, in connection with the Great Western Railway Company, opening, during the oil boom, the first shop in Pithole. He subsequently became foreman of the railway shops at Meadville, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred, very suddenly, May 18, 1873, apparently when he was sitting on a bridge, his body being found in the water, with a cigar between his fingers. He was a superior workman, being known in railway circles as a most skillful blacksmith.

Andrew Maxwell married Marjory Mille, who was born in Arbroath, Scotland, in 1816, a daughter of Thomas Mille, a farmer and hotel keeper. Four children were born to them, as follows: Mary Ann, deceased; James, of Meadville, a machinist; Marjory, wife of Andrew Stratton, of Meadville; and William Mille, of this sketch.

Born May 4, 1852, in Arbroath, Forfarshire, William M. Maxwell was a small child when he left bonnie Scotland with his parents. He attended school pretty regularly until thirteen years old, although as a lad of nine years he worked as a helper in a safe factory in Canada. At the age of eleven years he began teaming for the railway company, in the meantime feeding and caring for his own team. After moving with the family to Meadville, Pennsylvania, he served an apprenticeship of four years at the blacksmith's trade, working with his father until seventeen years old. The ensuing three years Mr. Maxwell was blacksmith for the Bear Creek Railroad Company, at Pioneer, but since 1879 has been connected with the Bessemer Railroad Company, for the past twenty years having been foreman in the blacksmithing department of the shops, now located at Albion. Mr. Maxwell, however, resides in Greenville, where he owns considerable property of value.

Mr. Maxwell married Mary Ellen Connor, who was born January 9, 1855, near Meadville, a daughter of Nathan and Katie E. (Mead) Connor, and granddaughter of Charles Mead, the representative of one of the old and honored families of Pennsylvania. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, namely: Jennie, wife of D. Lontzenheimer, a machinist in Greenville, has two children, Marion and Winifred; Annabelle, wife of A. I. Miles, of Chicago, and Bessebelle, living at home, are twins; A. J. Webster, deceased; Della, a telegraph

operator in Meadville; William Henry, assisting his father in the shops at Albion, married A. Kyle, who is deceased; Marjory Ellen; and Donald Malcolm, deceased. Politically Mr. Maxwell is identified with the Democratic party, and has served on the school board. Fraternally he belongs to the F. & A. M. (blue lodge) of Jamestown; to the chapter and commandery, Greenville; and to the Knights of the Maccabees. Religiously he is a member of the United Presbyterian church.

Joseph Eugene McWilliams, who was a business man of prominence, and a soldier in the war between the north and south, was born in Piermont, New York, February 6, 1845, a son of John A. and Susan (Wilkin) McWilliams, who were also born in the Empire state. He was but a lad of seventeen when he volunteered for the Civil war on July 26, 1862, at Elmira, becoming a member of Company A, 107th New York Volunteer Infantry, and he was mustered out of service in Washington, D. C., but in the meantime had participated in some of the hardest fought battles of the entire conflict and he was ever a true and loyal soldier. In the early '70s he removed to Buffalo and entered the service of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company as bookkeeper, but was soon made western sales agent. In 1886 he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, to become general manager and treasurer of the Ohio Coal Company. From May, 1900, until his death from pneumonia, March 7, 1904, he was connected with W. I. Bogle Coal Company, Chicago.

On May 20, 1867, Mr. McWilliams married Louise G. Benham, born in Middletown, Connecticut, in February, 1846, and she died on the 22d of July, 1889, in Buffalo, without issue. His second marriage occurred in St. Paul, March 31, 1892, to Caroline Esther Nason, born in State Line, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 26, 1853, daughter of Elisha K. and Caroline Elizabeth (Burrows) Nason. The mother was born at Watertown, N. Y., a daughter of Ezra and Caroline (Butler) Burrows, also of that state. The father was born in Laurens, Otsego county, N. Y., son of Northrup and Esther (Rouse) Nason. He served as prothonotary and in most of the local offices of North East township, Erie county. He was also a member of the legislature from this district, and was in the tanning and also general merchandise business. Mrs. McWilliams married first, June 6, 1872, Charles Bartlett Howard, of Buffalo, and they had one son, Charles Edward Nason, born November 10, 1873, and now a paymaster in the United States army, making a tour in the Phillipines, with station at Manila, his family and mother being with him. He married Charlotte Agnes Small on October 31, 1906. She was born in Liverpool, England, March 30, 1879, to James Hampden and Charlotte (Whaley) Small. They have two sons, Charles Edward Nason, Jr., born September 8, 1907, and James Hampden, November 4, 1908. Since the death of her second husband, Mrs. McWilliams resides part of the year in North East and the rest of the time with her son, Capt. Howard.

William J. Murray. A young man of sound business education, a good executive and a citizen of staunch character, William J. Murray, assistant postmaster at Girard, is of an old New York family, the field of whose useful work was afterward transferred to the industrial business and official life of northwestern Pennsylvania. He is a son of John D. and Mary (Tate) Murray, the father born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, January 24, 1853. The grandparents were James M. and Mary

(Colger) Murray, the former serving many years as captain of a passenger and freight vessel plying on Chautauqua Lake, New York, and dying at Jamestown, that state, in 1888 at the age of sixty-two years. The father of William J. followed the machinist's trade in his youth and early manhood at Dunkirk, New York, and in 1877, when twenty-four years of age, located at Girard as superintendent of a wrench factory. In name, he still holds the same position, but within the thirty-two years during which he has been at the head of its mechanical department the business has grown to large proportions, with a corresponding increase of his responsibilities. He has also served on the school board and the city council and is a solid, able, moral and representative citizen of Girard. In politics, the elder Mr. Girard is a Republican; in fraternalism, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and, in religion, a Roman Catholic. His wife (nee Mary Tate) is a daughter of William and Mary (Johnson) Tate, both natives of Scotland. Her father was an industrious, unpretentious, honorable mechanic, who died in 1906 at the age of sixty-four, while her good mother lived to be but forty-nine. Mrs. John D. Murray is a native of Erie, born November 23, 1860.

William John Murray, of this sketch, was born in Girard February 6, 1883, and after taking courses in the common and high schools of his native city entered the Davis Commercial College, of Erie, where he familiarized himself with practical business systems and modern commercial methods. Graduating from the institution named he was thoroughly prepared to assume the clerical position in the Girard post-office to which he was appointed, performing his duties to such satisfaction that he was promoted to his present office, that of assistant postmaster. He is both a stanch Republican and a citizen upon whom reliance can always be placed to do the honest and the appropriate thing.

On the 10th of August, 1908, Mr. Murray married Miss Blanche E. Miller, who is a native of Ohio, born November 25, 1884, to Alva A. and Myra (Woodworth) Miller. Roger Miller, the grandfather, was a New York farmer boy who settled in Lake county, Ohio, and there made his way to independence and absolute respect. He married Margaret Bennett, youngest daughter of Lionel and Sarah (Norton) Bennett, representing an old and thrifty Cortland county family. The parents moved to Madison, Lake county, early in 1819. They already had one child, Lionel L., afterward a leading physician in Ashtabula and Geauga counties. Locating on a large farm near Lake Erie, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett devoted themselves to the hard task of fashioning a homestead from a wilderness, and successfully accomplished it long before they went to rest, the father dying September 2, 1879, and the mother, February 28, 1887. Four children were born to them in Madison, their only daughter, Margaret, January 4, 1834. She became the wife of Roger S. Miller in June, 1854, and her husband (grandfather of the postmaster) died in 1901; the widow still resides on the old parental farm. Mr. and Mrs. Roger S. Miller became the parents of two children: Alva A. married Myra Woodruff of Geneva, and resides in Collinwood, Ohio, where her husband is a conductor on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, and the younger of their two children, Blanche E., is the wife of William J. Murray. Of Lionel Bennett and wife, Mrs. Murray's grandparents who brought

the family name into Ohio, it may be said that they were industrious, kindly, God-fearing people; that the community never embraced better friends, neighbors or Christians and that the world is more advanced and much better because of their lives. Mrs. Murray, the only surviving offspring of her parents, at the time of her marriage was a successful teacher in the public schools of Collinwood, Ohio, and her standing was the result of faithful preparation. She first pursued a course in the Normal School at Cleveland and was also identified with the staff of the well known American School of Correspondence at that city and Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Murray are most popular in the intellectual and social circles of Girard.

JOHN MILLER, author of this "History of Erie County," was born January 31, 1849, at Gourock, a small town on the lower Clyde, Scotland. His father, John Miller, was the son of a farmer of Drumshante, Renfrewshire; his mother, Margaret Nicholson, was the daughter of John Nicholson, the leading tanner and currier of Greenock, who afterwards emigrated to St. Johns, New Brunswick, and became extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber and in the tanning industry, owning extensive tracts in the Miramichi district—her grandfather, James Cameron, also in the tanning business, was in his day one of the leading citizens of Greenock, and as a Chartist prominent in the politics of North Britain, so prominent that he was imprisoned in Dumbarton Castle on account of his utterances on the hustings, and released only when in parliament the measures he advocated were at length carried. The ancestry of John Miller included, therefore, on his father's side, the lowland Scotch—of the Saxon strain —and on his mother's, the highland Celts, including the Reids and Camerons.

In 1851 Mr. Miller came with his parents to America, landing at Boston, where the family remained two years. After two years in Geneva, New York, another flitting took them to London, Canada, in 1855. Here the family remained until May, 1864, and it was in London that the subject of this sketch obtained his "schooling." This consisted of seven years at St. George's, one of the outlying schools of the public school establishment of London. His master was William Irwin, a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, a masterful man, a ripe scholar, and a painstaking teacher. Most of the school books were publications under the direction of the provincial department of education, and included readers, geographies, and works on mensuration and algebra. During the educational term of John Miller the local school board had adopted Bullion's grammar, Sangster's arithmetic, Amelia B. Edward's History of England, and Chamber's Elements of Euclid. It was not a graded school, but under the able direction of Mr. Irwin rapid and substantial progress was made by the scholars, for the old master, even while taking a hand at cricket or rounders with the pupils in the playground, was alert to correct errors in grammar or to illustrate the principle of the angle of incidence and coincidence, or to enforce some other scientific truth.

School came to an end the summer of 1863, when John Miller was under the necessity of lending a hand toward the support of a family of children that with him numbered eight. His father, a contracting carpenter, had learned the secret of refining petroleum—for it was a

secret in the early days—and had embarked in the business. His capital was small, and the load he had to carry a heavy one. So the son entered the printing office of the *Advertiser,* under John Cameron, as an apprentice. The father failed in business, and left to better his fortunes in the Pennsylvania oil region, but on reaching Erie, decided to locate at that point, which seemed to be destined to become the center of oil. The family followed in May, 1864.

John Miller, the son, found employment in the job room of the *Dispatch,* working for three years. Afterward he worked for a time on the *North East Herald;* then for four years was printer and shipping clerk at Downing's general insurance agency, which he left for a place in the Ashby & Vincent printing office. He was employed in the office of the *Gazette* when it became the property of F. A. Crandall, in 1873, and when the *Sunday Gazette* was started in March, 1875, was promoted to the post of city editor, remaining until 1882, at that time changing to the *Dispatch.* As city and telegraph editor he remained with the *Dispatch* until 1890, leaving to become a stockholder and writer for the *Times.* In 1893 he accepted a position with the *Providence Journal,* in charge of the dramatic and musical department, which he held until invited to return to Erie and take an editorial position on the *Dispatch* which he held until the sale of that property, in 1902, left him without a position. Thereupon he engaged in the general insurance business.

His father, for many years a contracting builder in Erie, was so hard pressed by the stringency following the panic of 1873, that he removed to Georgia, and at length made progress. The first thought upon finding his condition improved, being the debts he left in Canada, he at once went to his old home in London and obtained a clean balance sheet. This is mentioned to show the stuff of which he was made. He was the soul of probity. Deeply religious, as became a Scotchman, his religion was not solely for Sunday use. In his Georgia home, where he died in 1896, he was one of the earliest of the prohibitionists, and though he did not live to see the principles he advocated prevail in that state, he had the satisfaction of noting that progress was made.

John Miller, of this sketch, was married in 1875 to Anna M. Elliott, a daughter of John Elliott, of Barnard Castle, England, and Pamelia B. Townsend, his wife, whose people were of the pioneers of Cleveland, Ohio, prominent in business in the early days of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children, Maud Oenone, wife of Rev. H. W. McCombs, of the Pittsburg presbytery, and Donald Cameron, a student at Cornell University.

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